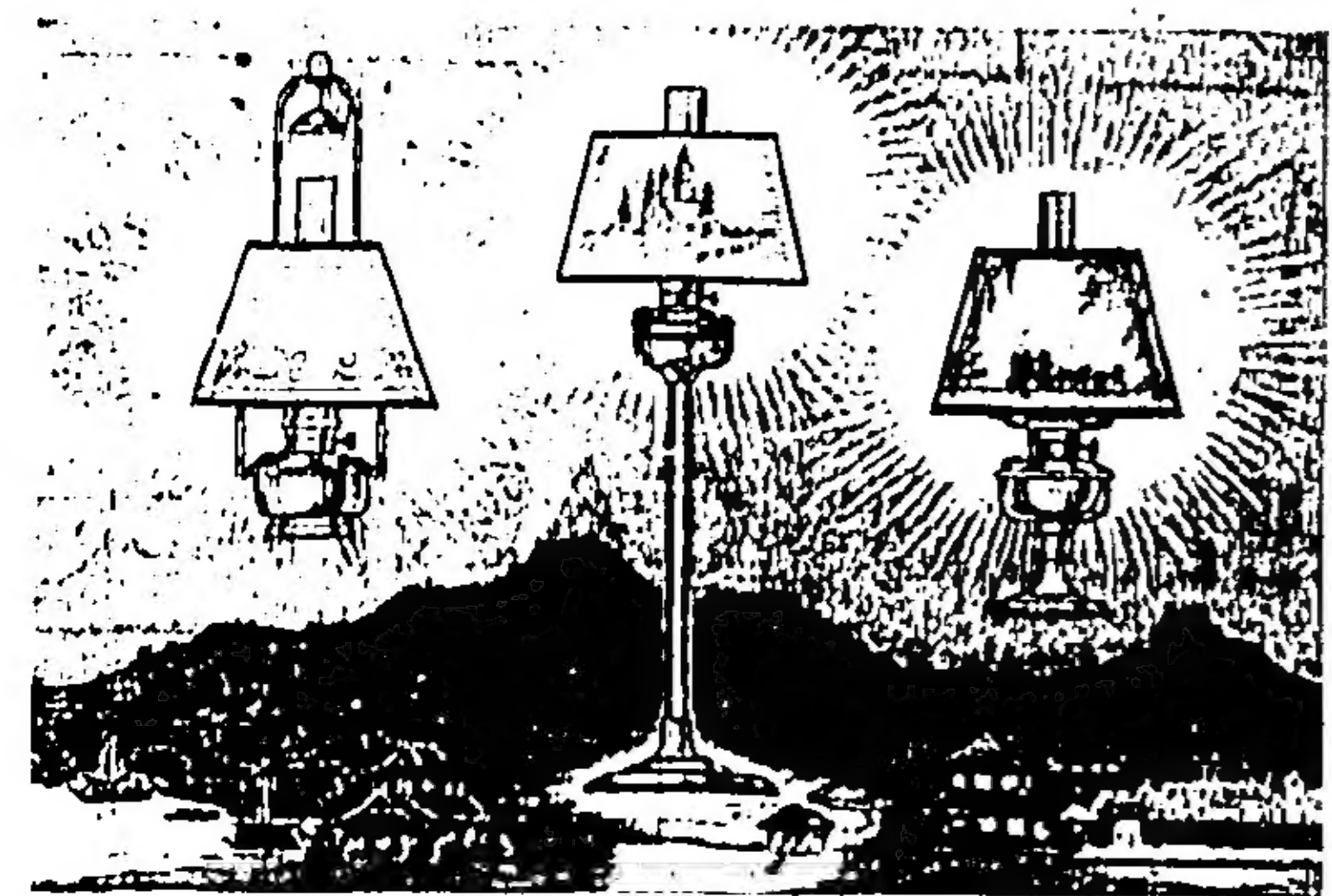


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Gael Term For Extortionist

Found guilty of uttering a letter demanding money with menaces, Chan Chun was sentenced to six years' hard labour by Sir Leslie Gibson, Chief Justice, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Chan was convicted by a jury of three men and four women, who announced the verdict without retiring to deliberate.

Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, prosecuted, assisted by Detective Inspector C. Pope.

According to the prosecution, the complainant in the case, Fung Kwok-yu, is the master of the Vienna Tailor shop at 460 Nathan Road. He had a house also on Nathan Road a little further away from his shop. At the time of the offence the accused was a folk of the complainant, having been employed for some three months.

On the night of January 20, Counsel went on, shortly after midnight, Fung's wife discovered on the floor of their room a letter, picked it up she handed it to her husband, who opened it. The letter, which was addressed to him, had the names of the Tai Tung Branch Association, East River and its Chief, Li Wai-kwa, stamped on it.

The letter, Mr. Hooton continued, contained instructions for six \$500 notes to be placed in the letter box outside the complainant's residence on January 21. The letter also mentioned that if Fung told the matter to the police, he would be dealt with.

Two Men Face More Charges

Two men, previously committed on charges of demanding money with menaces, and of being in possession of arms, were recalled to court to face three additional charges preferred against them by Mr. Charles Molloy, A.D.C., Director of Criminal Investigation.

The men were Wong Yue-cheung and Tang Yip, alias Tang Kun-yip, alleged members of an extortion gang in the New Territories led by one Lok Nam-chai, for whose arrest the Police are offering \$1,000 as reward.

The additional charges against the two men were: (a) demanding a quantity of unhusked rice from a farmer, Cheung Tung-kwei in December, (b) conspiring to utter a letter demanding a sum of \$1,000 and (c) conspiring to demand money with menaces.

The new proceedings, which went through two hearings before Mr. Blair-Kerr, resulted in the two men, Wong Yue-cheung and Tang Yip being committed again to stand trial at the Supreme Court during the next sessions.

Evidence brought into court stated that some time between December 18 and 20, eight men, armed with guns approached a farmer, Cheung Tung-kwei asking for a quantity of unhusked rice.

The farmer told them that he could not produce the rice, as it belonged to his uncle. The men vent annoyed, it was stated. The next morning they returned, accompanied by a man, and left a letter addressed to the uncle of Cheung. The letter was alleged to contain a demand for the sum of \$1,000, failing the compliance of which, the farmer will be rewarded by the men as "traitors" to their cause.

The Police soon came into possession of the letter after the farmer made a report despite warning by the men under threat that he would be in danger.

Police operation was soon put into effect resulting in one of the alleged eight men being shot. He later died of his wounds.

On this man, a number of written papers were found which the Police studied and in evidence stated that the handwriting on these papers was similar to that on the \$1,000 demand note.

Further evidence was brought by the prosecution conducted by Mr. Molloy and assisted by DSI MacKenzie, to show that the two men in the dock were identified as composites of the gang that visited the farmer's house in the New Territories in December, and the letter demanding the relative to the request for rice and the letter demanding the \$1,000.

Both defendants reserved their defence until the trial at the Supreme Court.

GARBAGE SERVICE

Several firms have recently started operating a dust-bin removal and stairway cleaning service and have been advertising this services in the vernacular Press.

Certain of the advertisements were not clearly worded and the public may have been misled into believing that the Urban Council has authorised the companies to perform their services.

To avoid any misunderstanding, the Urban Council announced yesterday that the companies are unofficial and that it is up to the individual householder to decide whether or not he wishes to employ any one of the companies to remove his dust bin and clean his staircase.

A Bill to authorise the North Point Wharves, Limited, to make its own bye-laws will be introduced in the Legislative Council shortly for approval.

Greek National Day



There was a short, simple but impressive ceremony at the Consulate yesterday when Mr. P. Yannoulatos, Consul General for Greece in Shanghai, and Mr. P. Baker, Consul General for Greece in Hong Kong, laid a wreath on the occasion of the Greek National Day. Among those present at the Consulate were Messrs. Victor P. Skiotis, S. Petropoulos, G. Stamatiadis, Sharafoyglou, A.G. Gloullis and S. Patara.

Really He Didn't Mean To Stow Away But---

(By Our Harbour Reporter)

One night last November at Gabuti, North Africa, longshoreman, Iris Ahmed sought refuge in the No. 1 hold of the ss. Kvernaas after a hard day's work.

But the young Somaliland-born Zulu, aged 20, overslept and awoke to find himself in the Mediterranean Sea en route to Hong Kong.

Since then, Rudolph, as he is known aboard the Norwegian motorship, which made her local debut on Thursday, has been at sea and seems to like it very much.

It was on November 27 when the Kvernaas was loading at Gabuti and Ahmed was one of the native longshoremen supervising the work. Without realising that the ship was leaving port that night, the British-subject Zulu (he was born in 1928 at Harzen, British Somaliland) found himself a warm comer in the No. 1 Hold among bales of cotton goods, newsprint and crates of whisky.

The Kvernaas weighed anchor at 10 p.m. with a strong Zulu among the 40 all-Norwegian personnel on board.

Ahmed speaks only his native tongue. To get along he resorts to the traditional sign language, interposed with "savvy" (nodding his woolly head vigorously) and "No, savvy" (shaking as energetically from side to side).

Recalling his first meeting with Rudolph, a seaman said he had to pinch himself several times before he would believe that it was not one his fellow seamen in disguise.

Protasting Excitedly

"The Zulu boy was gestulating wildly and protesting excitedly. He ran to the side deck, pointing significantly to the horizon, as if to say he wanted to go back," the informant related. By means of sign language, the Zulu was made to understand that he would be taken care of aboard but had to work.

"At Port Sudan, we tried to disembark him, but the immigration authorities there would not grant permission, despite the fact that Ahmed has a British passport," the chief officer said. "I thought at first it was a

ARMED ROBBERY

The Cheung Yut-pee Goldsmith Shop of 107 Johnston Road, ground floor, Wan-chai, was entered by four robbers at 8.30 p.m. last night, three of whom were armed.

About 100 pieces of gold rings and other jewellery valued at about HK\$3,000 were taken by the robbers.

One of the foks in the shop, who attempted to give the alarm, was shot at by one of the robbers, but was not injured. The robbers escaped.

University Exhibition

People in Hong Kong have a chance to see Mr. Henry Young's rare collection of Chinese bronzes, ceramics and paintings which went on display at the Fung Ping Shan Library yesterday and will stay open today and tomorrow.

Officially at the opening ceremony, the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham said that any man who has been collecting these rare curios is bound to have a good knowledge of the subject.

"It is most fortunate that we can see a selection of Mr. Young's collection. He likes to share his beauty with others, especially with the young people so that they might know things of the past," continued the Governor.

"I understand that Mr. Young might find it possible to make a gift of this collection to the University. In that case, a proper building should be erected and the services of qualified staff should be secured to look after them."

St. John Ambulance Orders

Orders by Mr. A. J. Arell, Commissioner, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Hong Kong District, follow:

Ambulance Duties Hong Kong: March 27 to April 2, 8th Area Division.

Ambulance Duties Kowloon: March 27 to April 3, 2nd Area Division.

Football Match Duties: Saturday 26: Sackinpong 4.30 p.m., Shaikwan Division; Sunday 27: Sackinpong 4.30 p.m., Shaikwan Division; Monday 28: Sackinpong 4.30 p.m., Shaikwan Division; Tuesday 29: Sackinpong 4.30 p.m., Shaikwan Division; Wednesday 30: Sackinpong 4.30 p.m., Shaikwan Division.

First Aid Duties: March 27 to April 3, 2nd Area Division.

First Aid Duties Kowloon: March 27 to April 3, 2nd Area Division.

First Aid Duties Hong Kong: March 27 to April 3, 2nd Area Division.

KEEPERS OF OPIUM DIVANS SENTENCED

Several keepers of opium divans were yesterday sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central.

For keeping a divan at No. 11 Sung Hing Street, second floor, Lok Chiu-ling, aged 26, was given six months and five smokers fined \$100.

Ngong Lul, aged 25, was sentenced to six months for keeping a divan at an unnumbered hut in Shaikwan and three smokers were fined \$100 or 20 days. A smoker, Wong Koi who had two previous convictions was fined \$30 or one month.

A woman, 26, aged 30, was sentenced to six months for keeping a divan in an unnumbered hut in Wong Chuk Hang Village. Defendant told the magistrate that she had two children aged seven and five to look after, and wanted to have her sentence reduced. This was refused by the magistrate. Fourteen smokers were fined \$75 each or 20 days.

For keeping a divan, Yiu Ching-wan was given six months and was also recommended for banishment. The police raided an unnumbered hut in Old Bailey Street and three arrested defendants and two smokers. The smokers were each fined \$75 or 20 days.

Ng Chau, a woman, was sentenced to six months for keeping a divan. Two smokers, who were absent, had their bail of \$250 forfeited, and two others were fined \$100 each.

For keeping a divan at New Market Street, Ng Mui-chun was sentenced to six months and seven smokers were fined \$100 or 20 days each.

For keeping a divan and with being the tenant, So Nam, aged 40, No. 22 Tai Ping Shan Street was sentenced to 12 months and four smokers were fined \$100 or 20 days.

A seaman, Cheung Kai, aged 40, was fined \$8,000 or six months for the possession of 10 taels of opium at No. 48 Queen's Road West, second floor.

ROBBERY SUSPECTS

Six suspects were arrested early yesterday morning in connection with the armed robbery which took place at a grocery store at Diamond Hill, Kowloon City, on Thursday night. Two revolvers were seized.

The shopkeeper and his wife were both wounded by the robbers when they tried to resist.

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Textile Experts Entertained Here

Local manufacturers and textile industrialists gave a dinner last night in honour of Mr. A. Hollas and Mr. H. E. Wadsworth of the Manchester Cotton Board.

The two textile experts are in Hong Kong to survey and advise local industrialists on methods of improving their standard of production.

Among the other guests were Messrs. J. J. Cowperthwaite, E. F. W. Hagger, J. W. Ferris, Paul K. C. Taul, K. Keen, T. H. Hutchinson, J. B. Kite and W. P. Montgomery.

The hosts were the Hong Kong Chinese Manufacturers' Union, the Cotton Weaving Manufacturers Association and the Chinese Textile Mills Association.

Welcoming the guests Mr. Shun Choy-wan said that he was thankful for the Hong Kong Government in arranging the visit for the Colony of Mr. Hollas and Wadsworth in his speech, translated into English by Mr. U. T. Chee, Mr. Shun added:

"We fully appreciate the kindness of Mr. Hollas and Mr. Wadsworth in taking so much trouble to go into all the details of our mills to diagnose our weaknesses. Our hope rests in them and we trust they will in time lead us along the road of industrial progress and development."

"As regards collecting data in fulfilment of their mission, I am sure they will not encounter many obstacles."

In spite of the fact that we are at times in short supply of raw materials and other necessities due to the geographical position of Hong Kong which is a somewhat isolated spot in the industrial world, we have, in the last few decades advanced considerably both in quality and quantity of our products.

Keen Competition
"Markets are often subject to keen competition and to restrictions and there are undoubtedly instances where factories fall below modern standards. The manufacturers, however, always put up a good fight and are continually trying to improve their production standards. The enthusiasm shown by them in their participation in the Hong Kong Fair and their participation in the Exhibition of Chinese Manufacturers' Union, is ample witness to their full confidence in their future."

"This spirit is the very essence of their existence and progress, and the basis on which they stand and tide over the storm that confronts them."

"We have more than 30 different types of products in the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, although textiles is the principal one. These industries, old or new, constitute important elements in the prosperity of Hong Kong. They are all anxious to make progress. They are equally keen for expert advice."

"May I take this opportunity of voicing the feeling of many, and of drawing the attention of the authorities to the fact that if provision could be made to extend similar facilities to other fields, immeasurable benefit to the Colony's industry will result."

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The General Agents and Consulting Committee of the Canton Insurance Office, Limited, will convene an ordinary yearly meeting of shareholders to be held on April 20, the payment of a dividend of \$14 a share, free of tax, absorbing \$700,000; the transfer of \$101,407 to Reserve for Contingencies; and other matters providing for taxation (1949/50) of \$600,000, to carry forward \$712,438.

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A Capitalist At Heart

Sir,—With reference to your correspondent "Escapee's" letter in today's "China Mail," like him I am a salaried worker, but differ in the respect of leaving England. I personally did not want to leave England. I did my best to avoid being poached overseas, even to the extent of trying to buy a business, but with all the present day restrictions, rationing, etc., considered the time not opportune to take the plunge.

I duly arrived in Hong Kong nearly two years ago, and found in the hands of the present regime a man who was not off than in Britain, not of course by direct or indirect taxation, but general high prices for essential commodities etc.

I concur wholeheartedly with "Escapee," the lot of the salaried class is really tough. In my opinion, the middle classes are bearing the brunt of Britain's economic crisis, by virtue of crushing taxation, also their salaries have not increased with the cost of living at the same rate as the lower income groups. I am no doubt a super-optimist.

I consider the present high taxation will be only temporary. My hope is that when the great industries that have been nationalised have got over their teething troubles, they will begin to make a profit. I'm not really being funny when I say that our Communist are looting money, but we must remember, British mines, for example, are backward and years behind the U.S.A. and German mines. They do say because even the USSR, but I won't accept that until I have seen for myself, so in effect the mines are going to cost the British public millions of pounds until such time as mechanisation and modernisation is completed, then—them—we might show a profit.

I said I was an optimist. The railways are another bad investment for the public at present. All shades of opinion will agree that the state of the British railways is a lot to be desired, owing to the cost of the effect of total war, when replenishment of rolling stock was not possible, the long overdue taxpayer has therefore got to foot the bill. In time, I live in the hope that they will again make their £40,000,000 per year profit.

With regards to the Social Insurance scheme, the Government estimate were greatly underestimated; however after the initial rush for various forms of treatment, and the usual teething troubles, I don't think it will be such a drain on us long suffering taxpayers, also the likes of "Escapee" and myself do receive just as much benefit as the low income group. Furthermore, the first rush for treatment goes to prove how much the general public needed treatment in various forms, but apparently could not obtain, due to their financial circumstances. I do consider the health of the people is the Government's responsibility.

According to the radio broadcast from London on Thursday evening, an extract from the London "Daily Mail" was read; it appears that the average working man is paying 6/- in the pound in taxes, not a bad effort for a pampered class. I don't know whether that includes General Rates, Water Rates etc., because quite a fair percentage are buying their own houses, however, they are doing their bit in proportion to their income.

I no doubt seem biased in favour of the lower income groups, but I hate poverty and defeat the causes. Not many years ago my employment brought me into close contact with the lower income group, at that time our country was considered to be fairly prosperous, but how those people existed. God only knows; children poorly clothed and fed, in many cases bootless, yet the shops were stacked full of the goods this class of people were forced to do without, and all this happened in the suburbs of London. At that time I was in the £250 per year class, quite happy and contented, no doubt our friend "Escapee" was also contented.

I am at heart a capitalist, I have always sought to make a 1/- into 1/8 by my own efforts, since the days when I sold newspapers in the streets of London to the time when leaving school I worked 70 to 80 hours a week for 10/-. Always had a sideline, such as buying and selling socks etc., to make a little extra, during those times, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I saw hardship and poverty in a land of comparative plenty. Mr. Editor, I have never forgotten those days. Equality of sacrifice, no air there was no such thing, and it that class of people are enjoying a standard of life at that time I was like myself and "Escapee," I for one am jolly good luck to you. The middle classes couldn't have cared less in those days.

I would say to "Escapee" that a salaried person who has a tough time for a few years, but I do sincerely believe that the like of our children and the children of the lower income group will benefit by our sacrifice, and have a much better life than was thought possible 20 years ago, having seen the way the other half lived—I think it worth it.

U.S. Aid To China

Sir,—On March 22 there appeared in the "China Mail" an article in the correspondence column signed by a man who called himself Simple Simon. Although this letter is somewhat delayed, nevertheless it is better late than never. He has stated that America must help us, otherwise China would fall into the hands of the Communists, but I would like to ask Mr. Simple Simon this:—

What good would American aid be now, when China hangs between two political evils—What American aid that she can give her would go to the few privileged in the present government or it would go to the Communist channel. Neither government is for China.

We all know that she is today going through a transient period which if not resolved will lead to a happy medium in the form of government and legislation. The fact is that, why should America or any other foreign power help to install a government that is not beneficial to the human race, or maintain a government that is more unbeneficial to China as things stand now? What need is a chance to rehabilitate our country under peace and goodwill and build with our sweat and labour.

We've got to face reality. If China is to survive, self-help from within is of prime importance. Help from without will come, gladly, when we have shown the unity of our strength and the strength of our unity. At this time we should row our own boat and not let others for us, when the storm is gathering around us which may mean our death or our survival as a great race. It is well for Mr. Simple Simon and other Simple Simons to get inspiration from French saying "Je suis le ciel" (I am the sky), "Je suis la terre" (I am the earth), "Je suis l'homme" (I am the man), "Je suis le monde" (I am the world). We must put an end to our wishful dreams of American help, and do something for a change, now, more so than ever.

I do agree, however, with Simple Simon that the students who were not examples of the feelings of the Chinese mass. All these riots were mostly Communist propaganda, but mostly stirred from ignorance. Most Chinese are grateful to the Americans and other foreigners who have helped us in the past. It is absolutely selfish or perhaps I should say smug to feel, at this time, when the whole world is facing problems of its own, that he would just fall into our laps without our doing something towards justifying that help.

If we were to prove ourselves, we've got to have a government that would give us this chance, and if we wished for help to put us back on our feet, we've got to show the world that we mean business.

CUM GRANE SALIS.

A Clumsy Phrase
Sir,—I find that speaking at a Reform Club Meeting last night I used a clumsy phrase. Referring to a helpful interview given to the Press by the Government on November 6, 1948, I used the words "the Government Official pointed out." I meant Mr. Carrie of the Colonial Secretariat—that most courteous gentleman and friend of all Hong Kong. Mr. Carrie is the last person that either I or anyone else in Hong Kong would deliberately refer to disrespectfully.

CHARLES LOSEBY.

Full Honours For Hero Dog

Manila, March 25.
Chester, a trained dog, was buried with military honours yesterday.
The canine hero was killed leading Government troops to a hideout of Hukbalahap guerrillas in Bulacan Province. Civilian guards in the town of Malolos fired a volley over Chester's grave.—Associated Press.

TENANCY DISPUTE IN COURT AGAIN

Premises at 10 Suffolk Road, Kowloon, were disputed at the Tenancy Tribunal yesterday, when Wong Kam-hing, of Nan-king, applied for an eviction order against the tenant, Miss Pansy Peritt.

The applicant was represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almeida, KC, instructed by Mr. F. D. Hammond. Mr. B. A. Bernachi was for the opponents, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett.

The grounds of application are that applicant had agreed with the respondent that the respondent would act as the expiration of an agreed term deliver to the applicant the premises in a certain state of repair.

Applicants further claim among other things the possession of the premises under the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance, 1947, and that the respondent had, since 1948, to date of delivery of possession.

The opponent, admitting the facts set out, claims that the agreement that applicant would not claim possession because of the fact that it is in effect an agreement contracted in contravention of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance Proclamation 15, of 1945.

After further legal arguments were given by counsel, hearing was adjourned until May 6.

Court Brevities

A fine of \$100 or four weeks' imprisonment was imposed on Low Choi charged with sending a telephone message of a menacing character.

Defendant telephoned to a person saying that a Chinese policeman "with red tabs on his shoulder" was asking to see her husband about some payments. The meeting place was given.

Arriving at the rendezvous, defendant told the man that he was busy and had to meet him at another point. Eventually they met in the police station.

Low, when asked by the police, could not tell who the "sergent with red tabs" was, stating that he had been approached by this mysterious policeman and asked to convey the message. In court he had no evidence to substantiate his defence, either.

A man was brought to the traffic court before Mr. Blair-Kerr because he was driving without his glasses. In his licence it is stated that he needs to wear spectacles when driving his car. He was cautioned and discharged.

"The parking space at the Star Ferry, Kowloon, near the taxi lot, is only for a 20-minute period use. And this is for the convenience of the driving public awaiting someone from the ferry," said Sub Inspector Howarth, prosecuting a traffic offender for parking his car in that lot for more than three hours.

Defendant was fined \$10.

Wong Ah-mi, 30-year-old widow, charged with infanticide, was remanded for three days at Central yesterday.

Prosecution alleged that defendant caused the death of her child by throwing it into a nullah shortly after its birth.

Personalia

Mr. J. G. O'Donnell will screen a film "Wings over Latin America" at Tuesday's luncheon-meeting of the Hong Kong Rotary Club. It will be Ladies Day.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday included: Mr. and Mrs. Krivine, Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilbur, Mrs. F. Ingle, Mr. and Mrs. R. Johannesson, Messrs. P. O'Hagan, W. L. Campbell, R. J. Eveleigh, C. V. Huber, J. B. Conus, V. Noria, G. Thrall, D. W. Smith, F. C. Santos, and T. Q. Alconcel.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday were Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Low, Mrs. V. Abegg, Messrs. D. A. Stille, F. H. Llesner, C. Lee, L. Gittens, F. Broth, C. J. Leedam, L. Buchmann, R. A. Younger, D. F. Davis, D. L. Prophet and H. Bakkeren.

Messrs. E. P. Strellett, A. S. Adamson, H. Owen-Hughes, Peter Fleming, W. F. Barriss, D. A. Suteiff, T. B. Low, Mr. and Mrs. Low, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Prior, and Miss Elma Kelly left for the United Kingdom yesterday by BOAC.

Departures for Alexandria by BOAC yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. M. Green and their son.

Messrs. E. Denis, Kait Yu-shin, M. Denis, M. Arthur and Miss J. Webb left for Bangkok by BOAC yesterday.

Mr. C. Tomaselli left for Hong Kong yesterday by BOAC.

Messrs. M. W. Seymour, Barker, Hugo, Louis Buchanan, and Mrs. Yuribeg were among the passengers who left yesterday for Yokohama by BOAC.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis and family Messrs. Zi-Zung Zien, H. Kiang, and F. X. Gutierrez left for Shanghai yesterday by BOAC.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Mr. David Allan Thomson, Warrant Officer, R.A.O.C. of Sergeant's Mess, Shumshu, and Miss Teresa Isabella Rosario, typist, of 21 Valley Road, Happy Valley.

Money Market

Gold opened yesterday at HK\$10.25 a tael and closed at \$10.75. Highest and lowest rates were \$10.87½ and \$10.92½.

US dollars were quoted at HK\$5.22.

Gold Yuan was at a new record low of HK\$3.50 for 10,000 for Hong Kong delivery, \$2.95 and \$3 for Canton remittances, and \$3.62½ for Shanghai remittances.

Plasmas opened at HK\$10 a 100 and closed at \$10.77½.

Ticals were unchanged at HK\$24.30.

NEI Guilders were quoted at HK\$32.80 a 100.

Sterling at HK\$15.20 and Australian pounds at HK\$12.70 were unchanged.

BRITISH TRAVELLERS

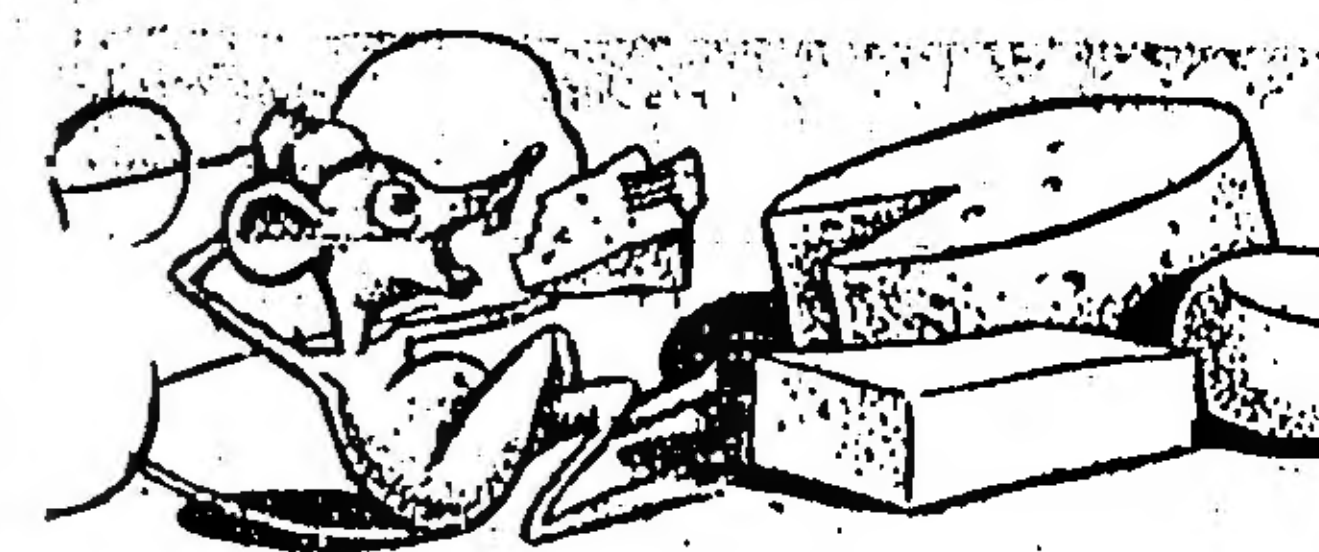
Travellers from Britain are now able to include Greece and Turkey in their holiday trips. Necessary Financial Secretary to Treasury, stated in Parliament on Thursday that these two countries have been added to the list of territories for which tourist travel allowance will be made, said an official statement yesterday.

It will be available as from May 1 for a period of a period of 12 months. This extension of foreign travel follows the recent increase in allowance of money for tours.

Mr. Hall told Parliament last week that for 12 months from May 1 an allocation will be made of £50 for each person.

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gloves. New shipment of Gabardine
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manicure—ROSE MAHE Beauty
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vow Rd., Kowloon.

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ment, with 3 bedrooms and
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minimum six months. References
available. Details to Harriman
Realty Co. Ltd., 2nd Floor, King's
Building (31255).

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& Sewing Classes. Apply to 303
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on Tuesdays, Thursdays &
Saturdays.

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BATTLESHIP grey Standard 14,
1949 Model, 7,800 miles, excellent
condition, one owner. First offer
over \$7,000 secure. GPO Box 72.

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THEATRE NEWS at 80 cents per
copy. Obtainable at Leading
Book Stores, Newspaper Sellers
and "China Mail" Office.

PILOT RADIOS: Same reliable
pre-war quality now obtainable
at popular prices, made possible
only by increased demand and
large sales. World Reception
Models from \$190 each. Obtain-
able at all the better dealers or
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NOTICE

CHINA
ENTERTAINMENT &
LAND INVESTMENT
CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that an Extraordinary General
Meeting of the shareholders of
the above-named Company will
be held at the Registered Office
of the Company in Entertain-
ment Building, 5th floor, on
Thursday the 14th day of April
1949 immediately following the
Ordinary Yearly Meeting due to
be held at 12 noon on that day
for the purpose of considering
and if thought fit, passing the
following Resolutions as Special
Resolutions:

1. That there shall be added
immediately after Article 103
of the Articles of Association the
following four Articles:

108a. Any general meeting
declaring a dividend may re-
solve that such dividend be
paid wholly or in part by the
distribution of securities, and
in particular of paid-up shares,
debentures, or debenture stock
of the Company, or paid-up shares,
debentures, or debenture stock
of any other company, or in
any one or more of such ways.

108b. Any general meeting
may resolve that any moneys,
investments, or other assets
forming part of the undivided
profits of the Company stand-
ing to the credit of the re-
serve fund, or any capital
redemption reserve fund, or
in the hands of the Company
and available for dividend be
capitalised and distributed
amongst such of the share-
holders as would be entitled
to receive the same if dis-
tributed amongst such of the
shareholders as would be en-
titled to receive the same if
distributed by way of di-
vidend and in the same
proportions on the footing
that they become entitled
thereto as capital and that all
or any part of such capitalised
fund be applied on behalf of
such shareholders in paying
up in full, either at par or
at such premium as the re-
solution may provide, any
unpaid shares or debentures
or debenture stock of the
Company which shall be dis-
tributed accordingly or in or
towards payment of the un-
called liability on any issued
shares or debentures or de-
benture stock, and that such
distribution or payment shall
be accepted by such share-
holders in full satisfaction of
their interest in the capitalised
sum.

108c. A general meeting may
resolve that any surplus
moneys arising from the
realisation or re-valuation of
any capital assets of the
Company, or any investments
representing the same, or any
undistributed profits of the
Company not subject to
charge for income tax or pro-
fits tax, be distributed among
the members on the footing
that they receive the same as
capital.

108d. For the purpose of
giving effect to any resolution
under the three last preceding
articles the Directors may
settle any difficulty which
may arise in regard to the
distribution as they think
expedient, and in particular
may issue fractional certi-
ficates, and may fix the value
for distribution of any specific
assets, and may determine
that cash payments shall be
made to any members upon
the footing that the value so
fixed or that fractions of less
value than \$10.00 may be
disregarded in order to adjust
the rights of all parties, and
may vest any such cash or
specific assets in trustees upon
such trusts for the persons
entitled to the dividend or
capitalised fund as may be
expedient to the Directors.
Where requisite, a proper
contract shall be delivered to
the Registrar for registration
in accordance with the pro-
visions of the Ordinance, and
the Directors may appoint
any person to sign such con-
tract on behalf of the persons
entitled to the dividend or
capitalised fund, and such
appointment shall be effective.

2. That the first sub-paragraph
of Article 108 of the Articles
of Association be deleted and
that the following be sub-
stituted therefor:

"The profits of the Company
shall be applied as follows:
First, a sum up to \$100,000.00
out of the profits shall be
paid and distributed as
dividend among the members
in proportion to the amount
of capital paid up on the
shares held by them respec-
tively, such dividend to be
paid in priority to any other
payment out of the profits."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO
HEREBY GIVEN that at the same
meeting the following Resolutions
shall be considered, and if thought fit, passed as
Extraordinary Resolutions:

1. That the authorised capital
of the Company be increased
to \$5,000,000.00 by the creation
(Continued at foot of next Col.)

CHEUNG CHAU FERRY SERVICE

On and after the 27th March, 1949.

Leaving								
Hongkong	6.30 a.m.	9.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	11.00 a.m.	1.00 p.m.	4.00 p.m.	6.15 p.m.	
Ping Chau Island	10.05 "	12.10 p.m.	2.05 "	5.05 "				
Silvermine Bay	10.30 "	12.35 "	2.30 "	5.30 "				
Arr. Cheung Chau	7.50 a.m.	11.05 "	11.20 a.m.	1.05 "	3.05 "	6.05 "	7.35 p.m.	

* Sundays and Public Holidays only.

THE HONGKONG & YAU MATI FERRY CO., LTD.

THE HONG KONG ROPE
MANUFACTURING
COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE is hereby given that
the Sixtieth Ordinary Yearly
Meeting of Shareholders will be
held at the Offices of the Com-
pany, Chung Tin Building, First
Floor, 5 Des Voeux Road Cen-
tral, Victoria, Hongkong, on
Tuesday, 5th April, 1949 at
Noon, for the purpose of re-
ceiving a Statement of Accounts
and the Report of the Directors
for the year ended 31st Decem-
ber, 1948, and to transact the
ordinary business of the Com-
pany.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of
the Company will be closed
from Tuesday, 22nd March,
1949, until Tuesday, 5th April,
1949, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., LTD.

I. W. SHEWAN,
Director,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 11, 1949.

THE HONG KONG LAND
INVESTMENT &
AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the FIFTY-SEVENTH
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING
OF SHAREHOLDERS in this
Company will be held at the
Offices of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MON-
DAY, 28th March, 1949, at
NOON to receive the Report of
the Directors together with the
Statement of Accounts for the
year ended 31st December, 1948,
to elect Directors, and to
appoint Auditors.

The REGISTER OF SHARES
of the Company will be closed
from MONDAY, 14th March,
1949, to MONDAY, 28th March,
1949, both days inclusive, dur-
ing which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

B. C. FIELD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 4, 1949.

(Continued from Col. 3)

of 400,000 ordinary shares of \$10.00 each.

2. That it is desirable to capi-
talise a sum of \$998,500.00
being part of the balance
standing at the credit of the
Capital Reserve consisting of
surplus on re-valuation of
land and accordingly that
such sum be and is hereby
capitalised, and distributed in
pursuance of the Articles of
Association of the Company,
and that such capital sum be
applied on behalf of the per-
sons who on the 14th day of
April 1949 were the holders
of the 80,858 issued shares
of the Company in payment
in full for 80,858 new ordi-
nary shares of the Company
of the nominal value of \$10.00
each and that such 80,858
new ordinary shares credited
as fully paid be accordingly
allotted to such persons respec-
tively in the proportion of
one such new share for every
one of the said issued shares
then held by such persons respec-
tively, and that the shares
so distributed shall be treat-
ed for all purposes as an
increase of the nominal
amount of the capital of the
Company held by each such
shareholder and not as in-
come, and further that such
new shares shall from the
1st day of January 1949 rank
for dividend and in all other
respects pari-passu with the
already issued shares.

Dated the 23rd day of March 1949.

By Order of the Board,

GEORGE V. K. SUN,
Secretary.THE HONGKONG AND
KOWLOON WHARF
AND GODOWN
COMPANY LIMITED.

(INCORPORATED IN HONG KONG)

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

ORDINARY YEARLY
MEETING.

Notice is hereby given that
the Fifty-eighth Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Members
of the Company will be held at
the office of Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Company Limited,
Pedder Street, Hong Kong,
on Monday the 11th day of
April, 1949, at Noon, to trans-
act the following business:

1. To receive and consider the
Report of the Directors and
the Statement of Accounts
for the year ended 31st
December, 1948.
2. To sanction a dividend in
respect of the year 1948.
3. To elect two Directors.
4. To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER
BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books and Register of
Members will be closed from
the 28th March, 1949 to the
11th April, 1949, both days in-
clusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 21, 1949.

Alteration of
Telephone Numbers

YU TUNG TAI LIMITED

13, Chater Road,

from

33045, 33245, 25536

to

27758, 27759, 27750

on Monday,

28th March, 1949.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers, Surveyors
and Appraisers,
Pedder Building,
Telephone No. 20224.

Service Auction Rooms

A. E. de Souza, Auctioneer,
Auctioneers, Surveyors, etc.,
Bancourt, French Bank Bldg.,
Telephone 31557.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 8 OF 1949

VICTORIA HARBOUR.

SNOLLVAVO DINGDIED

It is notified for general information that, on and after
April 1, 1949 and until further notice, the dredger "HONG
KONG" may be found dredging within the area—

Lat. 22° 17' 34" N. Long. 114° 12' 48" E.

Lat. 22° 17' 54" N. Long. 114° 13' 10" E.

2. The dredger will display the signals prescribed in
Notice to Mariners No. 7 of 1949.3. All vessels shall give this dredger a wide berth
and shall reduce speed to 3 knots when passing.

Authority—Marine Department, Hong Kong.

N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.Marine Office,
Hong Kong, March 24, 1949.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"In algebra, Muggsy, X does not mark the spot where
the body was found!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

"The Authority on Authorities"

SHOW THE OTHER SUIT

IT IS NEARLY always bad
bridge to let your partner play
for a No Trump game if you have
shown him in the bidding only
one of two strongly biddable
card suits. Unless he bids have
deliberately shown both of the
other suits soundly stopped, there
is danger to his project. When
he has given no such assurance,
it is nearly always best to take
him out with your unbid suit at
the level of four, even if the
suit be a minor. That gives him
three options—either of your
two suits or No Trumps, the lat-
ter of course at a higher level
than before, but a choice he
won't make unless with very
good stoppers in the other two
suits.

A black ball at the foremast
head and a black ball at the
yardarm on the side, or sides,
on which it is safe to pass.
A red flag to be displayed at
the yardarm on the side on
which it is dangerous for
vessels to pass.

Black balls shall be 2 feet
in diameter and the red flag
not less than 4 feet in length
and 3 feet 6 inches in breadth.

By night—

(i) All round white lights
instead of the black balls and
an all round red light instead
of the red flag, and display-
ed in a similar position.

(ii) Anchor light or lights
as required by Article 11 of
International Regulations for
Preventing Collision at Sea.

2) Conduct of vessels in the
vicinity of dredgers or vessels
engaged in boring operations.

(i) It is the duty of any
vessel—whether steam or sail
—to give vessels engaged in
dredging or boring operations,
a wide berth.

(ii) To reduce speed to not
exceeding three knots when
passing.

Authority. Marine Depart-
ment, Hong Kong.N. GARLAND,
Acting Director of Marine.Marine Office,
Hong Kong, March 24, 1949.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Encroach-
ment. 18 Treating in
a furnace. 19 Uniting
force. 20 Profound.
8 Frank. 19 Skil. 21 Loathed.
9 Obvious. 22 Unusual.
11 Exhausted. 23 Conspiracy.
13 Lamp of
earth. 27 Determined.

Down

1 Uniting
force. 17 Church
official. 2 Profound.
4 Tidy. 19 Difficult
question. 5 Pared. 20 Golf
course. 6 Perfect. 21 Uninterest-
ing. 7 Observed. 22 Sharp.
9 Encounter. 23 Incline.
10 Pluck. 24 Tax.
12 Run off. 13 Weight.
14 Drive.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Bolden, 4 Comet,
7 Eminence, 8 Allen, 9 Decent, 11
Oneness, 13 Compare, 15 Sud-
den, 18 Cross, 19 Alliance, 20
Easel, 21 Dearth.

DOWN—1 Stead, 2 Dense, 3
Monitor, 4 Create, 5 Manifold, 6
Ready.

Tennis, 10 Composes, 12 Nestled,
13 Cockle, 14 Assail, 16 Drake, 17
Ready.

FLASH

GREAT NEWS FOR
HONG KONG
FILM FANSJANE
WYMANWINS
ACADEMY AWARD
FOR HER ROLE INJOHNNY
BELINDA

COMING SOON

TO A

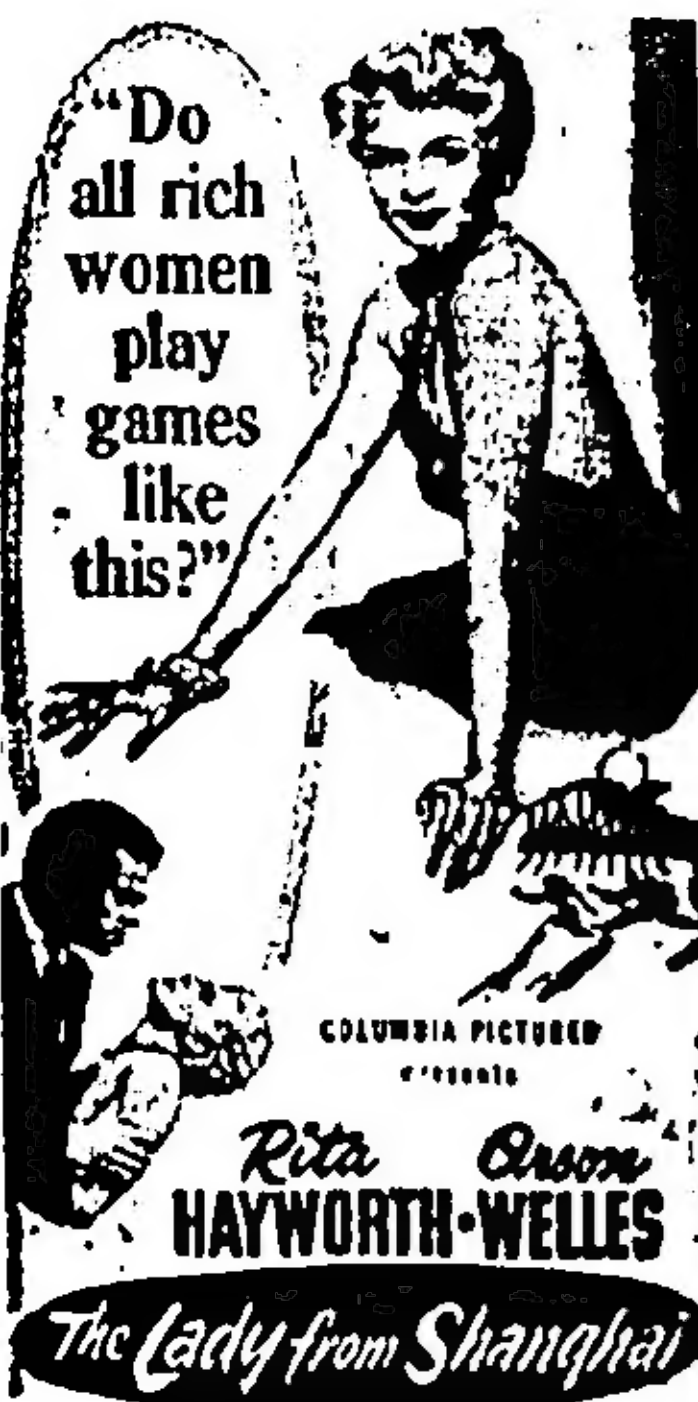
KINGS & LEE

STAR
Phone 56355

17 Hankow Road, Kowloon

TODAY ONLY

2.30, 5.10, 7.20 & 9.30 P.M.

TOMORROW
James Cagney
George Raft
in
"EACH DAWN I DIE"

COMMITTEE SAYS :-

Thousands Spying
In United States

Washington, March 25.

The U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee said today that thousands of Russian agents and more thousands of Americans are spying in the United States.

It said some of the spies may be attached to the Russian Embassy or the United Nations.

In a time of national crisis, the Committee said, the United States would have nearly 825,000 persons who are either spies, traitors or saboteurs working against the country from within.

The statements were made in a pamphlet titled "Spotlight on Spies." Its publication was only one of several developments of the day bearing on U.S. relations with the Soviet world and the Committee's own proceedings.

Others included:
1.—The State Department made public a report declaring that the Soviet Government fears a free interchange of ideas with the West because 30 years of Communism have failed to give the Soviet people a living standard even approximating that of Americans. The report was timed for the opening of the three-day "World Peace Conference" in New York which the State Department had predicted will be a sounding board for Communist propaganda.

FBI Estimote

2.—The number of Soviet bloc delegates to the "Peace Conference" was cut from 21 to 10 when visas were denied to two Rumanians. The entry permits were denied because the Rumanian Government refused to send the delegates as officials rather than as private individuals.

The Un-American Activities Committee estimate of 825,000 potential spies, traitors or saboteurs in the U.S. was based on old figures of the FBI Director, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Mr. Hoover had listed 74,000 Communist party members in the U.S. and said Communists claimed that for every party member there are 10 others ready, willing and able to do the party's work.

The Committee said the spies are seeking production secrets of the atom bomb. It said it knows some of the secrets have been stolen, but not how much of the bomb formula.

The Committee mentioned no names of suspects in its pamphlet.

The Committee said it had uncovered recent secret orders from abroad, to spy leaders here, list-

MAJESTIC

SHOWING TODAY
At 2.30, 5.00, 7.20 & 9.40 P.M.The
Foxes of
Harrow

REX HARRISON - MAUREEN O'HARA

20th CENTURY FOX

NEXT CHANGE

ROBERT MITCHUM JANE GREER

in

"Out of the Past"

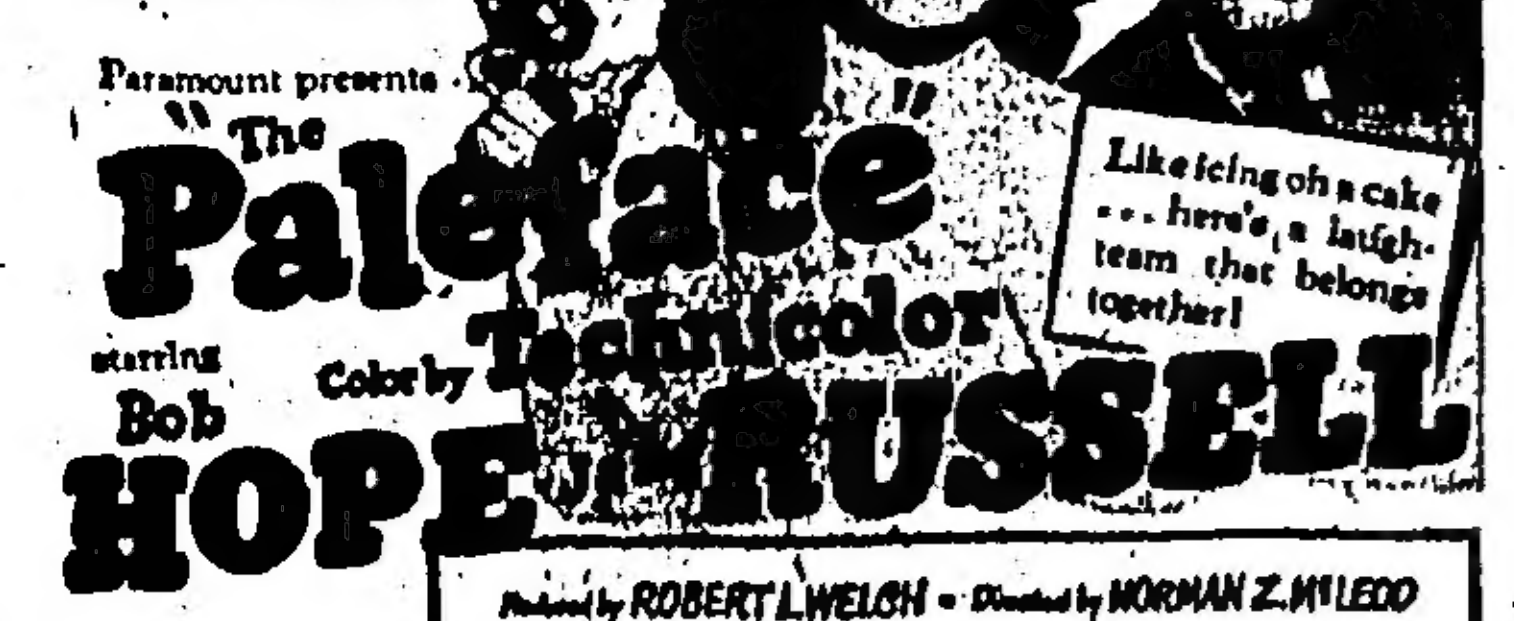
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AIR-CONDITIONED

TAKE ANY EASTERN TRAM CAR OR HAPPY VALLEY BUS

Showing Today At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.20 p.m.

The most hilarious star-team in years! In a

fun-filled Western Whopper! Plenty of laughs!

BOB'S Got A JANE
That's Got What
It Takes...
And Brother...
Can He Take It!ALSO WALT DISNEY'S COLOR CARTOON
"DADDY DUCK"SPECIAL MORNING SHOW ON SUNDAY at 12.30
"AN ALL CARTOON PROGRAMME"
At Reduced Prices. Bring the whole family along!Charter For
Beach DonkeysLondon, March 24.
Donkeys giving rides to children on at least two beaches in Britain this year will have shorter working hours and an hour off for lunch.
Fifty donkeys at Weston-super-Mare, Somerset, have had their working hours reduced from 72 to 54 a week under a "donkeys' charter" drawn up in collaboration with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. They will finish at 7 p.m. every night and have Sunday off.
The East Coast seaport of Skegness has gone one better by limiting weekly working hours to 42, but in return the donkeys must give children a ride on Sunday.—Reuter.'RED DEAN'
ON THE
WARPATHLondon, March 24.
Dr. Hewitt Johnson, the "Red Dean" of Canterbury, declared today that the Atlantic Pact aims to organize the British people into a war camp against Russia.

"We do not agree with this pact. We do not agree that the British people should be used as cannon fodder in a war against their best friends, the people of the USSR," he declared.

"We believe that the interests of the British people lie in friendship and in trade, which would help them to achieve security and a rising standard of living."

Dr. Johnson made his statement in a message to a public meeting attended by six Russian women delegates to the recent International Women's Day celebrations in London.—Reuter.

LEVEL CROSSING
TRAGEDYCairo, March 24.
Fourteen workers were killed and 40 injured when a truck taking them to work, crashed into a train at a crossing 20 miles South of Alexandria.

Both the truck and the engine were hurled into a nearby canal by the violence of the collision.—Reuter.

SHOW BUSINESS
UPSET BY BILLLondon, March 24.
The British show business is resisting a Parliamentary move to "impose" a new kind of freedom upon it.

The theatre world is alarmed by a private bill, to be debated in the House of Commons tomorrow, which would abolish censorship of stage plays.

The bill, introduced by Mr. E. P. Smith (Edward Percy, the dramatist), Conservative Member of Parliament, has strong all-party backing, but it is opposed by the Government as well as the theatre.

Advocates of the bill argue that the British theatre is subjected to restrictions upon freedom of expression not applied to other forms of literature. Theatrical circles contend that abolition of censorship would be dangerous.

British stage plays are authorised for performance by the Lord Chamberlain. The view of the theatrical industry is that a play licensed by him is a good defence for any manager wrong-

fully accused of offending public morals.
The industry has told the Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, that if the Lord Chamberlain's censorship were removed, theatres would be at the mercy of unilateral action by local authorities throughout the country.

Theatrical producers have clashed in the past with zealous local defenders of public morals in the shape of watch committees and similar municipal bodies.

These bodies keep vigilant watch for scantiness in female stage attire and over-broadness in comedy. They are quick to define the difference between artistry and nudity. Nudity is permissible on many stages provided only that the nudes remain motionless in an artistic pose.

The bill is unlikely to be passed in view of the Government's opposition.—Reuter.

MARRIAGE LAW CHANGE
REJECTED IN LORDS

London, March 24.

An attempt by Lord Mancroft, Conservative, to get Parliamentary approval for a change in the English marriage law failed in the House of Lords tonight.

He asked for agreement to a bill, which would have enabled a man, who has divorced his wife, to marry her sister or for a woman, who has divorced her husband, to marry his brother.

This can not be done under the present law, though a widow may marry the brother of her deceased husband and a widower may marry the sister of his deceased wife, he said.
He described the present law as illogical, harsh and out of keeping with modern conditions. It encourages irregular unions and causes much unnecessary hardship.

The bill contained a proviso forbidding the marriage of an adulterous brother and sister-in-law.

Most Peers who took part in the debate favoured the bill, but it was opposed by the Government and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher.

Interests Of Society

The Archbishop thought the Church would be neutral, but he opposed it on what he conceived to be the general interests of society. Emotional relations or mutual attraction are altogether excluded as between father and daughter, mother and son, brother and sister, he said. They therefore never arise.

"But in the family and domestic circle within which there is this absolute mutual security and the distractions and torments of sexual attraction are not permitted, the in-laws are suddenly to be excluded," he added.

He maintained that if the possibility of an emotional and sexual relationship is not ruled out by an implicit assurance, the basic security which is pursued subconsciously and instinctively in all relations with in-laws would go.

Lord Mancroft withdrew his bill in view of the Government's attitude.—Reuter.

CALL BY
BRITISH
REDS

London, March 24.

The British Communist Party tonight told its members that they must organise mass demonstrations against the Atlantic Pact, and demand of every member of Parliament that he vote against its ratification.

The party said in a statement: "We warn the Government that the British working people will never allow themselves to be used as the tools of Wall Street and the key for war against Socialist Russia and a Socialist Europe."

"The united strength of the peoples of the world will smash the war plans of the Atlantic Pact."

The party said the Pact ties Britain to the American millionaires and war lords. "Britain is already placed under American military occupation," the statement continued.

"We do not want Britain to be turned into the Malta of an atomic war."

Earlier, the party's Political Committee, in a statement issued after a meeting, described the pact as a pact for war, and compared it with the anti-Comintern Pact signed by Germany, Italy and Japan and the Munich Pact.—Reuter.

RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 945 kilocycles per second and on 652 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—"Sweet Serenade" With Peter York and His Concert Orchestra. Paula Green and Steve Conway (Vocal) (BBCS).
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Orchestral Selections.
2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—"Unit Requiem" Nan Dickinson. Calling—Radio Operators. 21022. AMES, Kai Tak (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World News and News Analysis (London Relay).
7.15 p.m.—Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race. With Commentary by John Snagge (London Relay).
8.00 p.m.—"From the Editorials" (London Relay).
8.10 p.m.—"Saturday Round-Up"—A Film discusses the Berlin Airlift (Radio).
8.25 p.m.—Sports Results.
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NO ROOM

Within the next few days the Colony's citizens will be privileged to see two first-class exhibitions—Mr. Henry Young's exquisite collection of Chinese antiques, and Mr. S. K. Chan's sculpture and paintings. The former is being shown in the Peng Ping-shan Library, and the other at the Hotel Cecil.

In a Hong Kong filled with large and often handsome buildings, there has been no time for culture amid the hectic business of cornering a few dollars. That is, there has been no chance for the person without money to become familiar with the loveliness, serenity and inspiration of art. There are, however, many fine private collections in the Colony, some of which were mentioned in an authoritative article in these columns yesterday by Professor Cheng Te-kun. After describing how several world-famous museums were founded or materially enriched by the gifts of private individuals, he added, "There is no reason why a Hong Kong museum should not be benefited by Hong Kong collectors."

This is obviously true. Some enthusiasts of many years' standing find their own dwellings becoming too small to house their treasures, or lacking as a background. A few wish to share their enchantment with others, even temporarily. Still more may be unable to part with the beloved objects during their life, but are glad to bequeath them to an appropriate institution in their will. It is impossible to doubt that if there were a repository in the Colony, it would gradually grow into something to rival the Chinese collections in the Louvre and the British Museum.

To readers who themselves are inadequately housed, it may seem an untimely suggestion that some kind of exhibition hall be built here. Its erection would, however, affect the accommodation-hungry public hardly at all. Also, it need not be confined to purely cultural exhibitions and might in fact be run on commercial lines.

In the current H.K. General Chamber of Commerce report, Mr. Eric Himsforth, then superintendent of imports and exports, put forward a recommendation on similar lines. He believed "a permanent exhibition hall could be run by somebody representing a large section of the commercial community, or, alternatively, by government itself." It would, he thought, "serve a most useful purpose in this Colony, which rightly claims to be the shop-window and distributing centre for the whole of the Far East."

The report added that a sub-committee was examining the question, and a possible site had been tentatively chosen, although nothing definite had been decided. While applauding the idea of this commercial undertaking, we would strongly recommend the Chamber—if it does take any action—to consider setting a section aside for cultural uses. To a purist it may seem incongruous to mix Sung, Ming and Ch'ing masters with local industrial products, but the combination would surely be infinitely preferable to the present total absence of any artistic centre. There is more aspiration towards beauty in Hong Kong than many critics give it credit for, as in politics, it only needs an outlet.

WINSTON CHURCHILL'S WAR MEMOIRS: THE SECOND BOOK

THEIR FINEST HOUR

An Important Re-Shuffle
By Winston Churchill

When I made him this proposal, which was certainly not a personal advancement, he contented himself with saying, "in a simple and dignified manner that he would serve wherever he was thought to be most useful. In order to emphasize still further the importance of his functions, I arranged that he should resume his function as a member of the War Cabinet whenever he came home on leave."

This arrangement worked without the slightest inconvenience owing to the qualities and experience of the personalities involved, and for six years thereafter, both under the National Coalition and the Labour-Socialist Government, Halifax discharged the work of Ambassador to the United States with conspicuous and ever-growing influence and success.

President Roosevelt, Mr. Hull and other high personalities in Washington were extremely pleased with the selection of Lord Halifax. Indeed, it was at once apparent to me that the President greatly preferred it to my first proposal. The appointment of the new Ambassador was received with marked approval both in America and at home, and was judged, in every way adequate and appropriate to the scale of events.

Had Resigned

I had no doubt who should fill the vacancy at the Foreign Office. On all the great issues of the past four years I had, as these pages have shown, been in close agreement with Anthony Eden. I have described my anxiety and emotions when he parted company with Mr. Chamberlain in the spring of 1938. Together we had abstained from the vote on Munich. Together we had resisted the party of pressure brought to bear upon us in our constituencies during the winter of that melancholy year. We had been united in thought and sentiment at the outbreak of the war and so colleagues during its progress.

The greater part of Eden's public life had been devoted to the study of foreign affairs. He had held the splendid office of Foreign Secretary with distinction, and had resigned it when only 42 years of age for reasons which are in retrospect, and at this time viewed in the State, a great part of his life. He had served as Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs during this terrible year and his conduct of Army affairs had brought us very close together. We thought alike, even without consultation on a very great number of crucial issues as they arose from day to day. I looked forward to an agreeable and harmonious comradeship between the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary, and this hope was certainly fulfilled during the four and a half years of war and policy which lay before us. Eden was, in all the greatest and excellent of which he was absorbed; but he returned to the Foreign Office like a man going home.

Sharp Passages

I filled Mr. Eden's place as Secretary of State for War by submitting to the King the name of Captain Himsforth, at that time the Chief Whip to the National Government. This choice excited some adverse comment. David Margesson had been for nearly 10 years at the head of the Government Whip's Office in the House of Commons, and it had fallen to the patient and solid Conservative majority which had so long sustained the Baldwin and Chamberlain administrations. I had, as a leading figure among the Conservative dissenters from the India Bill, had many sharp passages with him.

In the course of these 10 years of my exclusion from office my contacts with him had been not infrequent, and generally hostile. I had formed the opinion that he was a man of high ability, serving his chief, whoever he was, with unflinching loyalty, and treating his opponents with the greatest fairness. This opinion was also held by the Whips of the Labour and Liberal parties, and such a reputation is of course essential to the discharge of this particular office.

When I became Prime Minister I was generally expected that I should find someone, else, for the task, but I was quite sure that I should receive from Margesson the same skillful and faithful service that he had given to my predecessors; and in this I had been served in the first world war and through much of the worst of it as a regimental officer, gaining a strong soldierly background as well as a complete knowledge of the House of Commons. In Margesson's place I appointed Captain James Stuart, who whom also I had had many differences, but for whose character I had high respect.

Higher Price
The interval between November 1940 and the outbreak of the war in June 1941 was marked by an extraordinary rise in prices. The price of a pound of butter was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of meat was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of sugar was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of tea was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of coffee was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of cocoa was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of chocolate was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of jam was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of marmalade was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of butter was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of meat was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of sugar was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of tea was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of coffee was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of cocoa was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of chocolate was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of jam was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941. The price of a pound of marmalade was 1s. 6d. in 1940, and 2s. 6d. in 1941.

can Government bought from us some of the war plans which they had built to our order in the United States. They assigned them to the American defence programme, but made us go on using them to the full. The War Department placed orders for munitions that it did not need immediately, so that when finished they could be released to us.

On the other hand, certain things were done which seemed harsh and painful to us. The President sent a battleship to Capetown to carry away all the gold we had gathered there. The great British business of Countess in America was sold by us at the request of the United States Government at a comparatively low figure, and then resold through the markets at a much higher price from which we did not benefit. I had a feeling that these steps were taken to ensure the hardship of our position, and raise feeling against us.

They were at any time ready to reach a permanent settlement with Nazi Germany upon the numerous important questions open between them, and to accept with complacency the final destruction of the British power. But all the while they recognised that this policy might fail. They were resolved to strike by every means, and had no intention, as far as they could measure the problem, of

faithfully with Hitler, while at the same time gathering all the strength they could in the enormous mass of Soviet Russia. He and Molotov sent their dutiful congratulations on every German victory. They poured a heavy flow of food and essential raw materials into the Reich. Their Fifth Column Communists did what they could to destroy our factories. Their radio differed its abuse and slanders against us.

To Gain Time

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—THERE'S A BACK-DOOR, BUDDY—

the opponents of Lend-Lease. Anyhow, in one way or another, we came through. On the failure of the air Battle of Britain and the consequent postponement of German plans for a cross-Channel invasion, Hitler decided to settle accounts with Russia.

There is no doubt that Hitler had made up his own mind by the end of September 1940. From that time forth the air attacks on Britain, though often on a large scale through the general multiplication of aircraft, took second place in the Fuehrer's thoughts and German plans. They might be maintained as effective cover for other designs, but Hitler no longer counted on them for final victory. Eastward Ho!

Terrific Defeat

Personally, on purely military grounds, I could not have been averse from a German attempt at the invasion of Britain in the spring or summer of 1941. I believed that the enemy would suffer the most terrific defeat and slaughter that any country had ever sustained in a specific military enterprise. But for the very reason I was not so simple as to expect it to happen. In war what you don't mind is not usually what the enemy does. Still, in the conduct of a long struggle, when the need for a year or two on our side, and mighty allies might be gained, I thought that the supreme ordeal was to be passed our dear people.

As will be seen from my papers written at the time, I never seriously contemplated a German defeat upon England in 1941. By the end of 1941 the boat was on the other leg; we were no longer alone; three-quarters of the world were with us. But tremendous events, measureless before they happened, were to mark that memorable year.

While to uninformed continental and the biter world our fate seemed forlorn, or at best in the balance, the relations between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia assumed the first position in world affairs. The fundamental antagonisms between the two despotic powers remained the same, but it was certain that Britain could not be stopped and overpowered like France and the Low Countries. To do him justice, Stalin tried his very best to work loyally and

basing Russian interests or ambitions solely upon a German victory. The two great totalitarian empires, equally devoid of moral restraints, confronted each other, polite but inexorable.

There had, of course, been disagreements about Finland and Rumania. The Soviet leaders had been shocked at the fall of France, and the end of the Second Front for which they were so soon to equal. They had not expected so sudden a collapse, and had counted confidently on a phase of mutual exhaustion on the Western Front. Now there was no Western Front! Still, it would be foolish to make any serious change in their collaboration with Germany. It could be seen whether Britain would give in or be crushed in 1940. As it gradually became apparent to the Kremlin that Britain was capable of maintaining a prolonged and indecisive war during which anything might happen about the United States and also in Japan, Stalin became more conscious of his danger and more earnest to gain time.

Nevertheless it is remarkable, as we shall see, what advantages he was able to gain by his policy of keeping on friendly terms with Nazi Germany. Even there surprising were the miscalculations and the ignorance which he displayed about what was coming to him. He was indeed, from September 1940, to the moment of Hitler's assault in June 1941, at once a callous, a crafty and an ill-informed giant.

The Heart

With these preliminaries we may come to the episode of Molotov's visit to Berlin on November 12, 1940. Every compliment was paid and all ceremony shown to the Bolshevik envoy when he reached the heart of Nazi Germany. During the next two days long and tense discussions took place between Molotov and Ribbentrop, and also with Hitler. All the essential facts of these formidable interchanges and confrontations have been laid bare in the selection of captured documents published early in 1948 by the State Department in Washington under the title, "Nazi-Soviet Relations, 1939-1941."

Mr. Churchill quotes, at length from these documents and gives the official German record of the final session between Molotov and Ribbentrop, which

took place in an air-raid shelter, owing to a British raid. When in August, 1942, I first visited Moscow, I received from Stalin's lips a shorter account of this conversation which in its essential differences from the German record, but may be thought more fully.

"A little while ago," said Stalin, "the great complaint against Molotov was that he was too pro-German. Now everyone says he is too pro-British. But neither of us ever trusted the German. For us it was always life and death. I interpreted that we had been through this ourselves, and so knew how they felt."

"When Molotov," said the Marshal, "went to see Ribbentrop in Berlin in November of 1940, you got wind of it and sent an air raid. I nodded. 'When the alarm sounded Ribbentrop led the way down many flights of stairs to a deep shelter. When he got inside the Vaid had begun. He shut the door and said to Molotov: 'Now here we are alone together. Why should we not divide?' Molotov said: 'What will England say?' 'England,' said Ribbentrop, 'is finished. She is no more use as a power. If that is so, said Molotov, 'why are we in this shelter, and where are these bombs which fall?'"

Vital Need

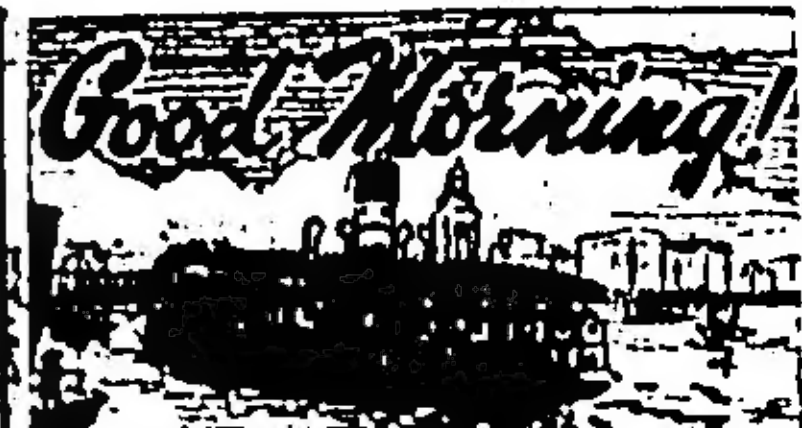
The Berlin conversations made no difference to Hitler's deep resolve. During October Koellie, Joffe, and the German General Staff had under his orders been forming and shaping the plans for the Eastward movement of the German armies and for the invasion of Russia in the early summer of 1941. No delay either in planning or in movement could be tolerated. Over all hung the vital need for concealment and deception.

For this purpose two separate forms of cover were used by Hitler, each of which had advantages of its own. The first was an elaborate negotiation about a common policy based on the partition and distribution of the British Empire in the East. The second was the domination of Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece, with Hungary on the way, by a stock of troops. This offered important military gains, and at the same time made it possible to present an explanation for the building up of the German armies on the Southern flank of the front to be developed against Russia.

The negotiations took the form of draft proposals by Germany for the accession of Soviet Russia to the Three-Power Pact at the expense of British interests in the Orient. If Stalin had accepted this scheme, events might for a time have taken a different course. It was possible at any moment for Hitler to suspend his plans for invading Russia. We cannot attempt to describe what might have happened as the result of an armed alliance between the two great empires of the Continent with their millions of soldiers to share the spoil in the Balkans, Turkey, Persia and the Middle East, with India always in the background and with Japan as an eager partner in the "Greater East Asia Scheme."

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(To Be Continued)



According to yesterday's reports, a red carpet was put down for Lord Baldwin when he had a vociferous welcome on returning to the Leeward Islands. From what we hear, in London he was also put on the carpet.

The Control Yuan in Nanking want to know how US\$2,000,000,000 worth of gold and foreign exchange could possibly have disappeared within a year. They can't have been out here long.

In England they are going to have a pedestrian crossing week in April. In Hong Kong some of us are hoping to get across before that.

Another news item from Home yesterday was that, to combat criticism of Public Relations Officers, they are contemplating appointing a PRO of their own.

"Air-minded" Southsayer." So many of them are.

Night landings at Kai Tak. A smashing idea.

Sign of the times: World peace conference interpreted as warlike gesture.

Once Franco had a Marshal. Now it's got "Marshallisation."

Impressive moment. "Stalin was not present at the parade, but his son, Vassily, led a fly past."

Progress is wonderful. As new long-playing records are introduced, which revolve 45 and 32 1/3 times a minute, millions of gramophone owners find their turntables are geared to a 78 times-a-minute tempo.

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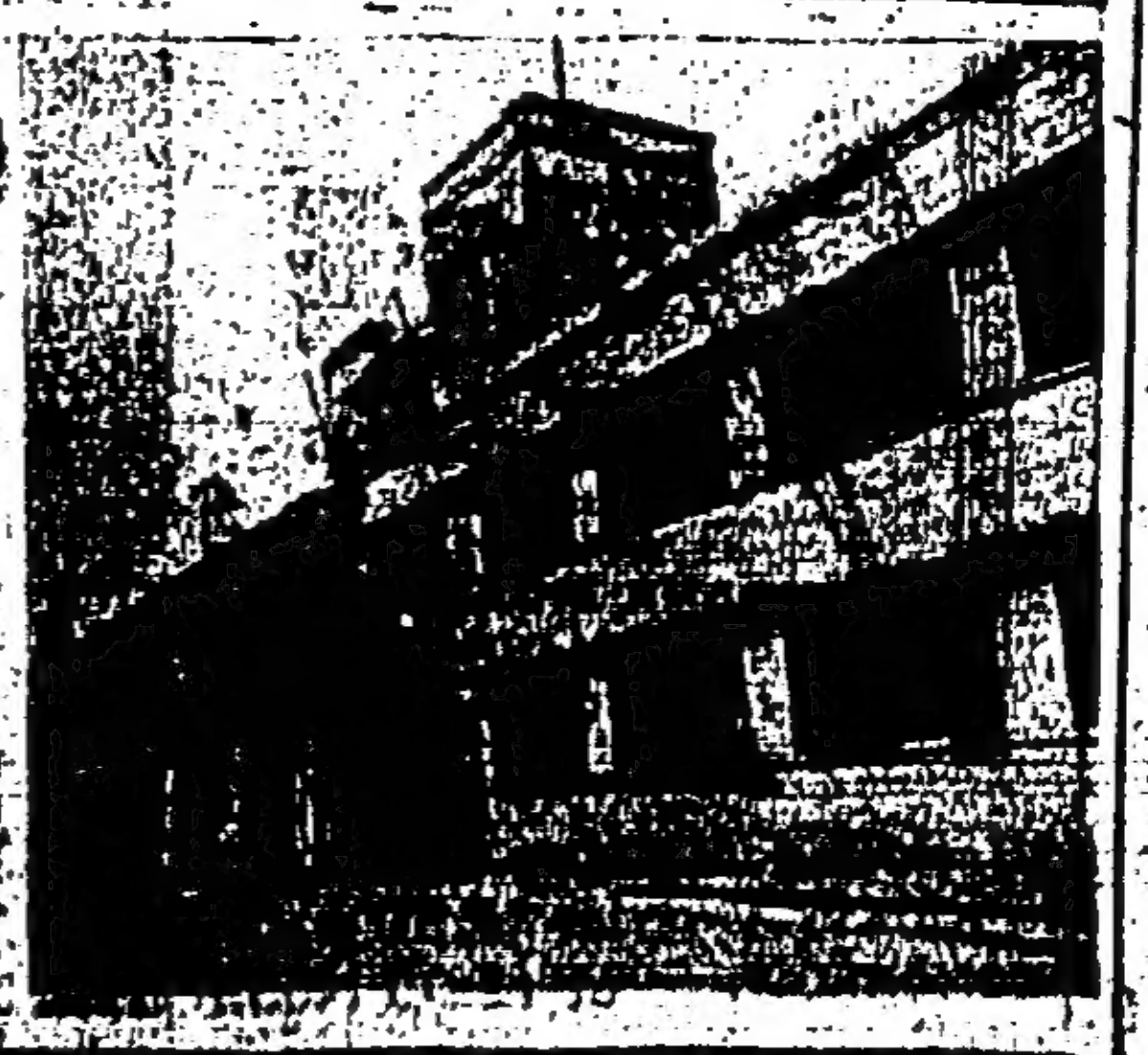
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CHINESE COMMUNISTS' LINK WITH VIETMINH "A SERIOUS THREAT"

Pact To Be Signed On April 4

Washington, March 24. Official guests and the press will be able to witness the signing of the North Atlantic Pact here on April 4, it was announced today.

A State Department spokesman said that admission to the ceremony will be by invitation only. He said that no hall in Washington could be found large enough to accommodate all the members of the public who might wish to attend the ceremony.

Tentative plans are for the ceremony to be held in what is known as the Departmental Auditorium. This has seating for only 1,300 people. It is believed that this accommodation will be taxed to the limit by the Foreign Ministers and their official guests, by representatives of the United States Government and by the press.

Mr. Ernest Bevin, the British Foreign Secretary, left London tonight on the first stage of his voyage to the United States for the signing.

Also sailing in the Queen Mary from Southampton tomorrow, along with Mr. Bevin, will be M. Paul Henri Späcker, Belgian Premier, Dr. Dirk U. Stikker, Dutch Foreign Minister, M. Joseph Deek, Luxembourg Foreign Minister, and Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State and leader of the British delegation to the United Nations Assembly.

M. Robert Schuman, French Foreign Minister, and Count Carlo Sforza, the Italian Foreign Minister, are expected to fly to Washington for the signing.

Informed sources in Lisbon said today that the Portuguese Cabinet has decided in principle to join the North Atlantic Pact.

The Cabinet is continuing talks in an effort to overcome conflicts between terms of the pact and Portugal's defence agreement with Spain.

In Copenhagen, the Danish Lower Chamber today approved a resolution authorising the Government to sign the Atlantic Pact and gave the treaty a formal ratification as soon as it is ratified by the original Atlantic Pact nations.—Reuter and United Press.

PACIFIC PACT "PREMATURE"

Manila, March 25. Formation of a Pacific alliance at this time would be premature, according to Vincent Sheean, foreign correspondent and author.

Arriving here by plane from Indonesia on route to Tokyo, Mr. Sheean told reporters: "Countries in this part of the world are in various stages of development. Two years from now such an alliance probably would be practical."

The writer said an atmosphere of nervousness and anxiety prevails in Batavia. The Dutch dilemma in Indonesia is not a question of prestige or face because the Dutch have lost both, he said.

Mr. Sheean discounted the Communist menace in India. The Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, seems to have gone toward the right and the Reds are not trying very hard, he concluded.—Associated Press.

London, March 24.

British intelligence reports said today that the Chinese Communists are supporting Vietminh forces in Northern Indochina.

They have taken the initiative almost everywhere from the French colonial forces, the reports said.

A series of operations has been carried out which seem to be preparations for more important actions, it is added.

Hanoi, principal city in Tonkin and the seat of the French administration, has been reported threatened with an uprising and railway and river communications to Haiphong are said to be subjected to daily attacks.

The reports described the Vietminh and Chinese forces as being composed of mobile and well-equipped commandos whose audacity is extraordinary.

The commandos are said to be concentrating their attacks on railway supply trains between Hanoi and Haiphong and to have destroyed several.

Supplies to other important towns such as Pnom Penh are also reported to be precarious.

A report said it is safe to say that the Vietminh forces no longer fear the French Army of occupation and constitute a serious threat more or less.

It added: "The Nationalist movement in Vietnam is far more to the left than similar movements elsewhere in South East Asia."

In Saigon, the French Far Eastern Headquarters today said that the Chinese Communists are fighting with the Vietminh guerrillas.

An official communiqué said that rebel activity is increasing along the Tonkin frontier. Tonkin is the Northernmost Indochinese province bordering on China.

"Since March 15, there has been increased rebel activity, particularly along the Tonkin frontier."

"Attacks against our posts are growing more numerous in the region North of Langson and East of Laokay."

Danger In Palestine

London, March 24.

A Foreign Office spokesman said tonight that Britain's Palestine policy is governed partly by the danger that the Israeli Government might use its armed forces to bring Transjordan under duress and to acquire further substantial areas recognised as mainly inhabited by Arabs.

In reply to an Israeli suggestion that the presence of British troops at Akuba is delaying an Israeli-Transjordan armistice, the spokesman insisted that it is in the interest of the British Government for peace to be restored in the Middle East as soon as possible.

He said flagrant violations of the Security Council truce resolution had already been used by the Israeli Government to bring about the present truce with Egypt and the Lebanon.

The spokesman added that any further acquisition of territory by Israel would be an even greater departure from the United Nations Assembly partition resolution of November, 1947, than already existed.—Reuter.

MYSTERY OF THE SOVIET RESHUFFLE

Washington, March 24. The shift in leadership in the Soviet ground forces added to the mystery in official quarters over the recent shift in the Soviet hierarchy. The authorities are still puzzling and wondering whether the shake-ups mean promotions for the leaders or involve some elements of a "purge."

The major sentiment here is that the Russians are freeing senior Politburo members to devote more time to internal Soviet problems, while corresponding emphasis on foreign affairs.

Russia may be deciding against further expansion and concentrate on consolidating post-war gains behind the Iron Curtain.—United Press.

More Meat Cuts For Britain?

London, March 24.

Britain may soon have a further cut in the meat ration, London meat traders believe, unless the supplies of corned beef improve.

The recent reduction of the weekly ration to 8d. worth of fresh meat and 2d. worth of corned beef per person, through shortages of shipments from the Argentine, comes into effect next Sunday.

Members of the National Executive of the Federation of Meat Trade Associations held an emergency meeting today to discuss the dwindling ration and its impact on the retail meat trade in Britain.

Corned beef stocks are reported to be precariously low and some experts feel it may be very difficult to maintain the current level of supplies for much longer than a month unless fresh supplies become available.

The Ministry of Food declined to comment on the prospects of a new cut.—Reuter.

Strict Silence On Empire Talks

London, March 24.

All official sources here continue to maintain the closest silence on the date and details of the impending conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London.

In political circles, however, it is expected that the silence will be broken by a simultaneous announcement in all Dominion capitals early next week.


The opening date is believed to be on or near April 23. The exchanges taking place between the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth countries are apparently concerned with the details and timing of the announcement.

The scope of the conference has been the subject of wide speculation, none of which has any official confirmation, both here and in Commonwealth countries.

Subjects which have been suggested as ranking foremost for consideration include security in the light of the Communist upsurge in South East Asia, the Southern Pacific and other regional defence questions, and Indian views on co-operation with the Commonwealth after she becomes a republic.

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ANOTHER SHUFFLE BY THE KREMLIN: BULGANIN GOES

London, March 25.

The Moscow Radio announced last night that Marshal Nikolai A. Bulganin has been relieved as Minister of the Armed Forces. Marshal Alexander M. Vasilevsky has succeeded him, the broadcast said.

Marshal Bulganin is also a Vice-Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Soviet Union, and presumably will retain that job. As such he is Deputy Prime Minister.

Marshal Vasilevsky has been Marshal Bulganin's Chief Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces of the Soviet Union.

Throughout the war, Prime Minister Josef Stalin was Minister of the Armed Forces. He gave up that job in March, 1947, and Marshal Bulganin was appointed to take his place. Marshal Vasilevsky has been Deputy Minister of the Armed Forces since the same year. He is 49.

Order To Army

Marshal Bulganin's last declaration to bring his worldwide notice was his order marking the 31st anniversary of the Red Army last month.

He said Soviet fighting men must maintain a constant state of "battle preparedness at a level because of the 'policy of aggression' pursued by the U.S."

"The ruling circles of the U.S., which seek to establish their world domination by force, pursue a policy of aggression and of unleashing a new war," said the order.

The new shift followed Major changes in the Soviet political hierarchy in the last few weeks. The most important was the release of V.M. Molotov as Foreign Minister to be succeeded by Andrei V. Vishinsky. Mr. Molotov remained as First Deputy Prime Minister, right at Stalin's side.

Western observers in Moscow view these changes as measures to strengthen the highest ranks of Soviet policy makers.—Associated Press.

Siam's New Constitution

Bangkok, March 24.

Siam's State Council, acting in the name of the King, today announced the ratification of a new Constitution.

Promulgation is expected on April 6. The Constitution provides that 80 days thereafter the Government shall resign, followed by the dissolution of Parliament and general elections.

The Constitution, subject of considerable controversy, provides for increased monarchical powers and increased membership in Parliament.—Reuter.

U.S. NAVY MOVE

Washington, March 24.

A Navy spokesman today said that a very limited number of specially-qualified naval reserve officers being given mobilisation day assignments which are in no way to be interpreted as recall to active duty at this time nor in anticipation of early mobilisation.

The assignments are merely one step in the Navy's peacetime policy of preparedness, he said.—United Press.

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British Cars Do Well At Monte Carlo

British cars did remarkably well at the 10th Monte Carlo Rally in a 2,000-mile race minimum average of 31 m.p.h., which had to be covered at a including all stops.

Remarkably fine weather prevailed, apart from thick fog in the Rhone Valley and across northern Germany and Italy. In spite of the absence of the traditional snow and ice, most of the 265 starters found the average quite high enough for three nights and three days of practically non-stop motoring, and the final 300 miles from Lyons over the mountains to Digne and the coast became more like a motor race than a touring competition.

A 2-litre Bristol saloon, driven by the Czech sportsman Dobry and Trebil (who won the 1938 Polish Rally with the same car) was third, missing winning the Rally outright by just over seven minutes decided by the timings of the final regularity test.

The event was won, once again, by those veterans Jean Trevoux and Marcel Lescurie on a 3½-litre Hotchkiss starting from Lisbon. These two tied for first place when the Rally was last held, in 1939, and Trevoux won in 1934, both times on a Hotchkiss.

Leonard Potter, well-known triathlete, finished fourth with an Allard, Kenneth Wharton, British trials champion, was fifth, on a very standard Ford V8 Pilot, A.A.C. Goddard (Allard) was eighth, all starting from Glasgow.

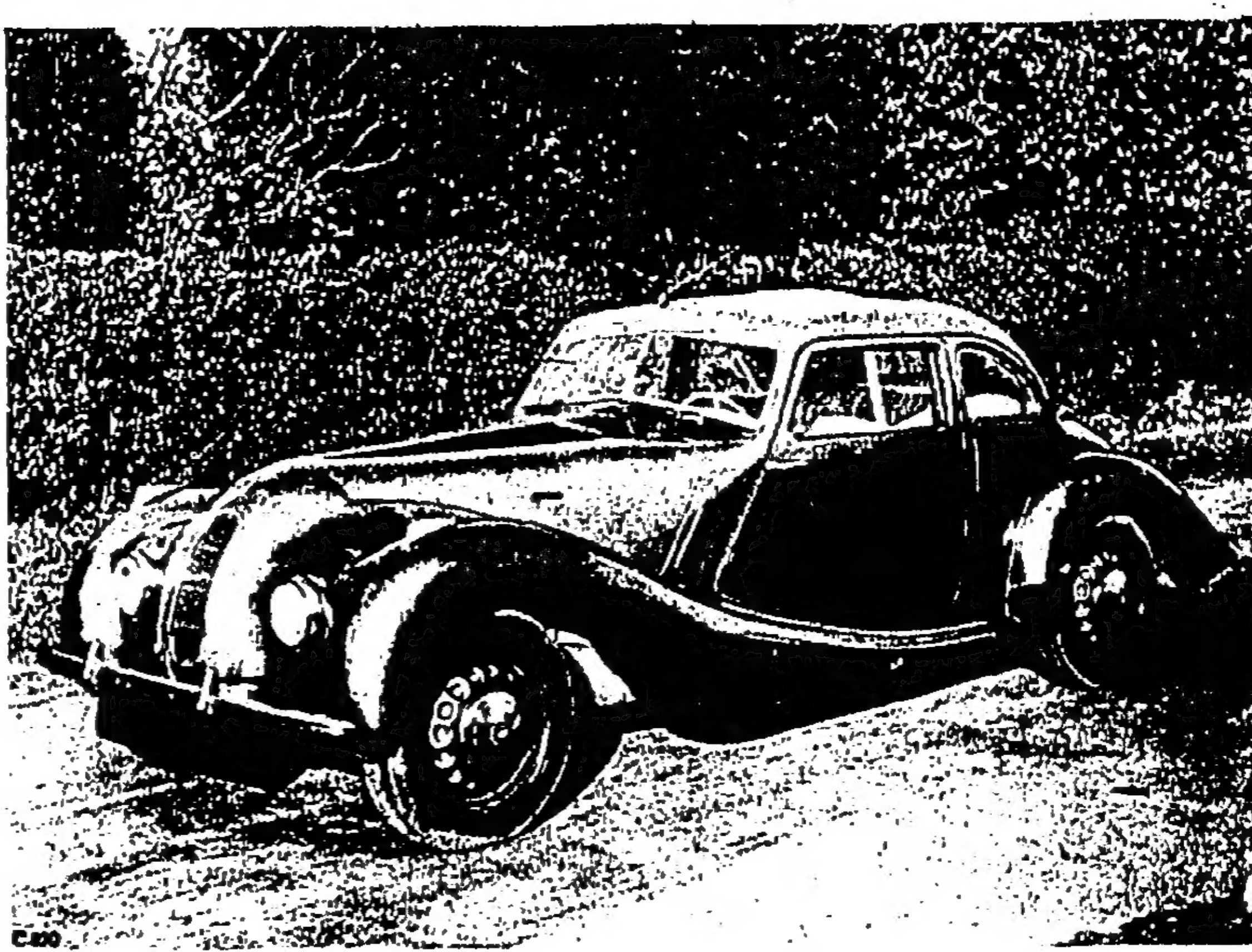
One of the best and most plucky performances was put up by A.G. Jenhof and K. Hutcheson in an Allard from Florence, who got through after a hideous 150 miles of fog on icy roads, and were placed 11th.

Perhaps the most meritorious drive was that by Mrs. Wisdom, with Miss Marshall and Miss Haig in a new 918 c.c. Morris, who came right through, starting from Monte-Carlo, with a clean sheet and test marks by being too early in the finish.

Louis Rosier, racing driver, drove an even smaller car, one of the rear-engined 750 c.c. Renaults (with twin carburetors) and finished up in 13th place, a remarkable effort.

British cars swept the 1,500 c.c. class clean, headed by Galsworthy with his well-tuned Hillman Minx and followed by R. Smith and T. C. Wise, with Jovett Javelin.

Mrs. Wisdom was second for the Ladies' Cup. W.M. Coper's beautiful grey Bentley Mk. VI won the special Grand Prix d'Honneur in the Concours de Confort, and did well to finish 25th in the Rally. Of 230 entries, 205 started—47 from Glasgow (three retired), 76 from Monte Carlo (17 retired), 40 from Stockholm (12 retired), 20 from Lisbon (two retired), two from Prague (both retired), four from Oslo (one retired) and four from Florence (two retired). One hundred and sixty-six finished officially.



European Cars Making New Bid In Brazil

Motorists in Rio de Janeiro, joke that Brazilian streets are again looking like they did before the First World War when European automobiles were used almost exclusively and American cars were practically unknown.

And there is a good deal of truth in the joke, with the increasing appearance today British, French, Swedish, Italian and even Czech cars.

Before the First World War the Benz, Berliet, Renault and a few other European makes were predominant. After the war, the American automobiles came into first place.

But during the Second World War imports practically ceased, although a small quota of American cars still came through. Meantime the cars on hand were wearing out.

At the end of the recent war there was a big demand in Brazil for new automobiles. There was a shortage of American cars even for the United States market. And when more American automobiles became available, Brazil found itself short of dollar exchange and had to control imports from the dollar zone.

This was Europe's golden opportunity. The O.M. World was in dire need of foreign currency and European cars offered a means.

Austin of England came first, closely followed by the French Citroen. The makes were old-fashioned to be sure, but who cared, as long as they were new. The prices at first were high. At one time a small four-cylinder Citroen cost more than a Ford V-8. On the other hand, these smaller cars were cheaper to operate. They used less petrol, an important factor because Brazil must import all its petroleum products.

Production Up

After time production began to catch up with demand. European companies began to deliver cars on short order, whereas it was necessary to wait months for an American car and many times impossible to get it at all, due to import controls.

Also the British brought in new styles. The Standard, Austin and Hillman began sending streamlined models.

As a result of all this, a big percentage of cars in the streets of any Brazilian city today is European. The British Austin, Standard and Dagenham Ford, the French Citroen and Renault, and the Italian Fiat are the commonest.

But other makes are to be found: up to a good number of Swedish Volvo and even from behind the Iron Curtain the Czech Skoda. Both Opel and BMWs are expected from Germany shortly.

What do Brazilian motorists think of these cars? Talk to them and you'll learn that a vast majority prefer American cars.

That is even more evident in rural zones. Most of Brazil's highways are simple dirt roads, where a high-powered car is needed, with ample road clearance. Important too, is a standard gauge width in order to drive in the ruts of your predecessor.

On the other hand, roads are improving, and in cities European models are becoming more popular. Prices are now well under those of American cars. Dealers doubt that the European car will ever dominate Brazil but they believe it has some to stay and will get an increasing amount of business.

The "Bristol" 2-litre car, the Bristol airplane company's first venture in the field of car manufacture, is achieving great popularity. Models have been delivered to practically every country in the world and particularly the continent. Prince Bernhard of The Netherlands drives his own "Bristol" 2-litre which he bought after a brief trial in a standard model while on a visit to the Bristol factory. The car's finest success to date, however, was scored recently when Dobry, famous Czechoslovakian racing motorist, won the XIV Polish International Rally, driving a standard "Bristol" 2-litre. The Rally is among the most arduous staged in any country and is rated second only to the Monte Carlo fixture.

UN Convention Wants Standardisation Of World's Traffic Rules

A foreign motorist in London, Athens or Belgrade will have no trouble in understanding the local traffic cop and roads signs if a new United Nations convention standardising world traffic regulations goes into effect.

The convention will be presented to a UN world conference on transport to be held in Geneva next August. It was recently approved, after a year's preparatory work, by a road transport committee of the UN Economic Commission for Europe.

The committee also drew up two conventions simplifying customs formalities for tourists and drivers of commercial vehicles. If these are adopted, truckers will be able to cross the entire continent without undergoing the tiresome examinations and paper work which now plague them.

The new convention would do away with non-essential papers now carried by motorists. It abolishes the international in addition to the licence of the motorist's own country. The convention substitutes an international permit which would be similar in all countries and valid everywhere.

The motoring convention standardises traffic rules and road signals for every country. A traffic officer in Stockholm would use the same stop signal as a policeman in Paris.

The signal for approach to a school would not only be the same in every country, but embodies a design arrived at after months of study and tests. Traffic experts found that a picture of children arouses more caution than a symbol of a schoolhouse or use of the mere word "School". The proposed universal sign shows a girl and a boy carrying books under their arms.

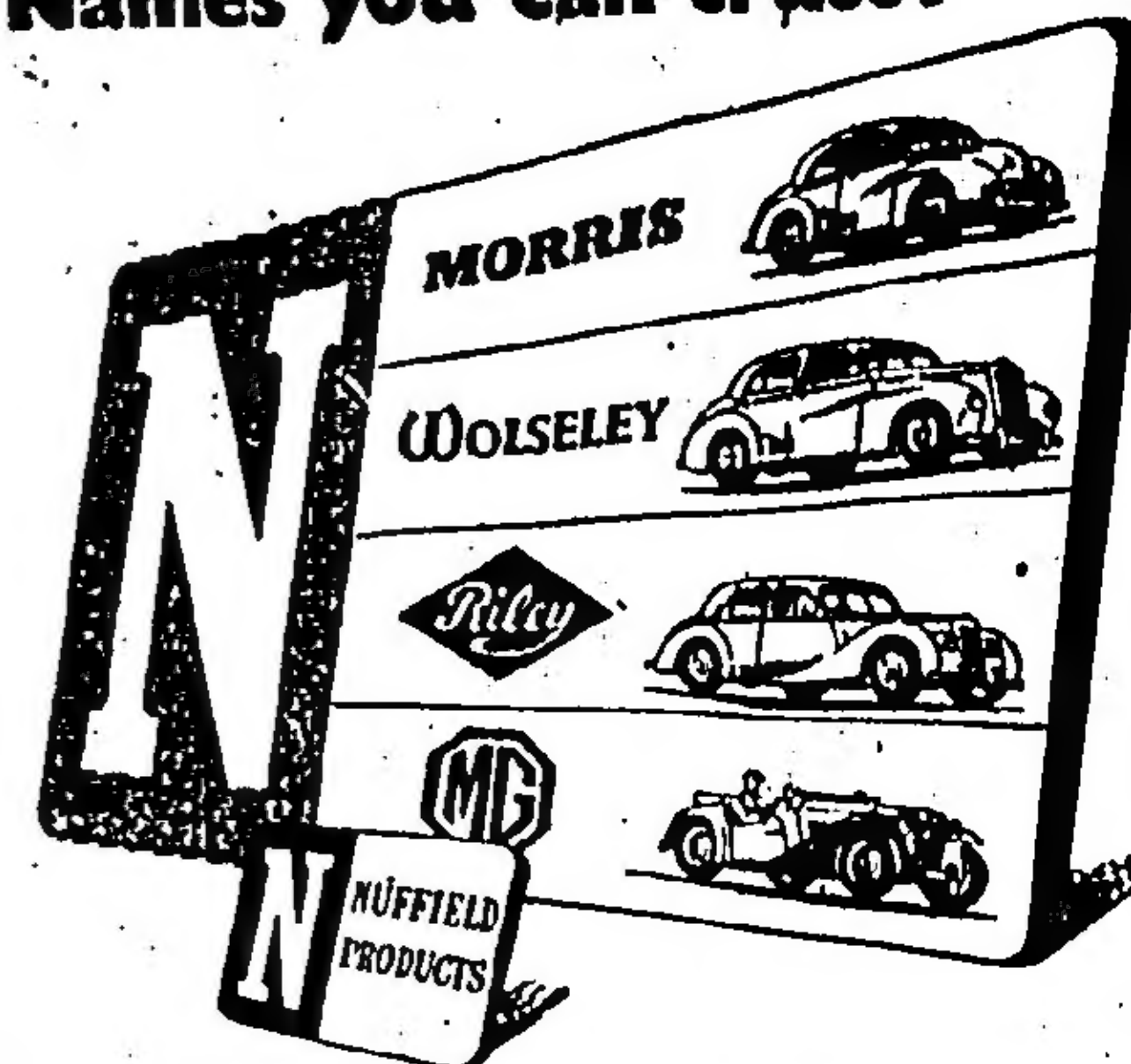
The convention makes the English word "Stop" universal, substituting it for the equivalent word in other languages. It has drawn a large fat cow for a sign warning "beware of animals." The picture of a man walking means "watch out for pedestrian." Altogether, the committee has adopted more than 50 road signs.

Member Countries

Its members included delegates from the United States, Britain, France, Sweden, Italy, Norway, Austria, Belgium, Turkey, Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Luxembourg, Bizania, and observers from Poland and Yugoslavia. They wanted to make right hand driving compulsory in every country, but lost out in the face of British and Swedish opposition. Britain and her colonies, Sweden, Eire India and the Argentine are the only large areas in the world where left hand-driving is still in force. A British delegate told the committee that it would cost £100,000,000 to make the changeover in England, that when the question was last brought up in 1944 it caused widespread opposition.

The new convention sets no speed limit but provides that motorists shall drive in a reasonable and prudent manner.

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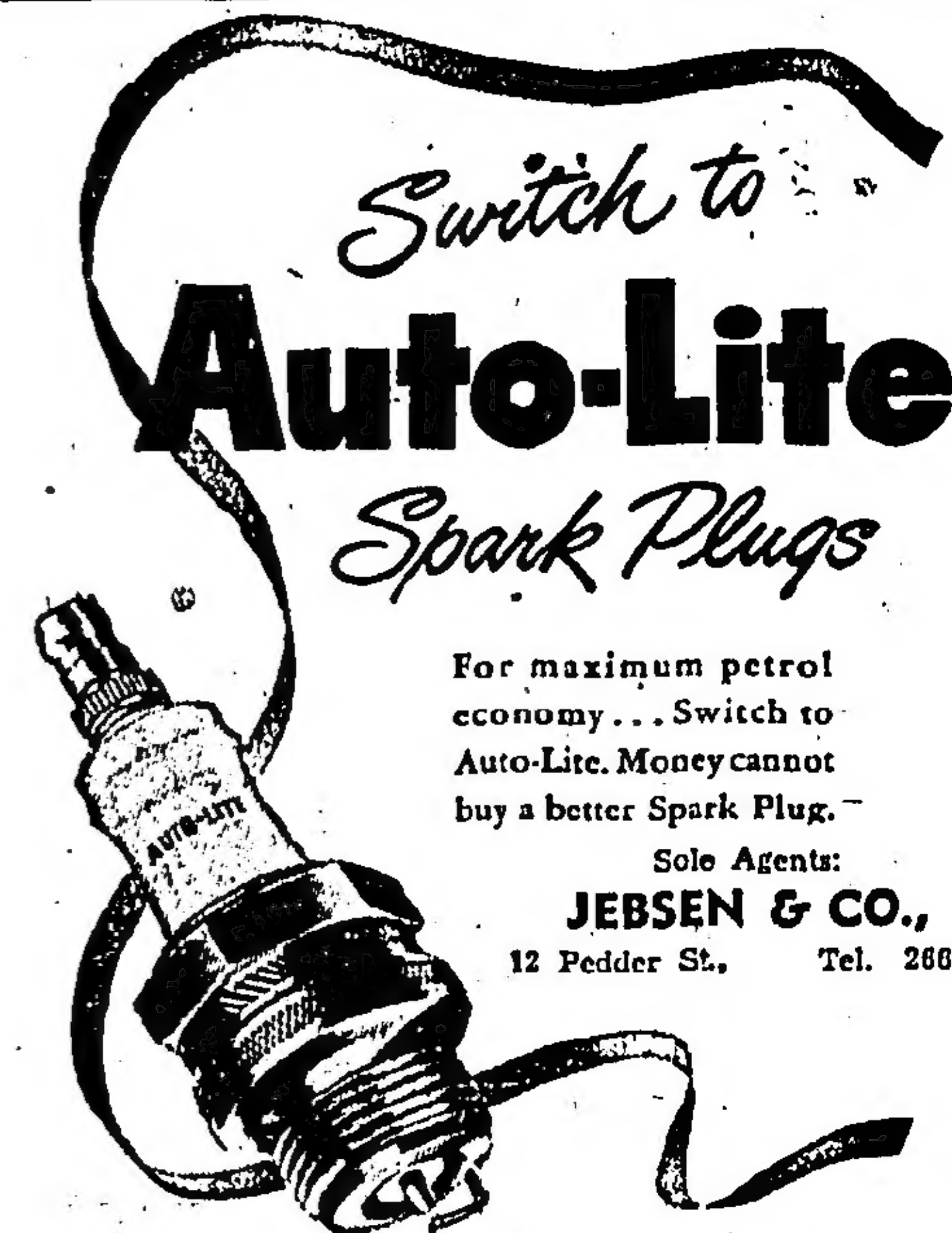


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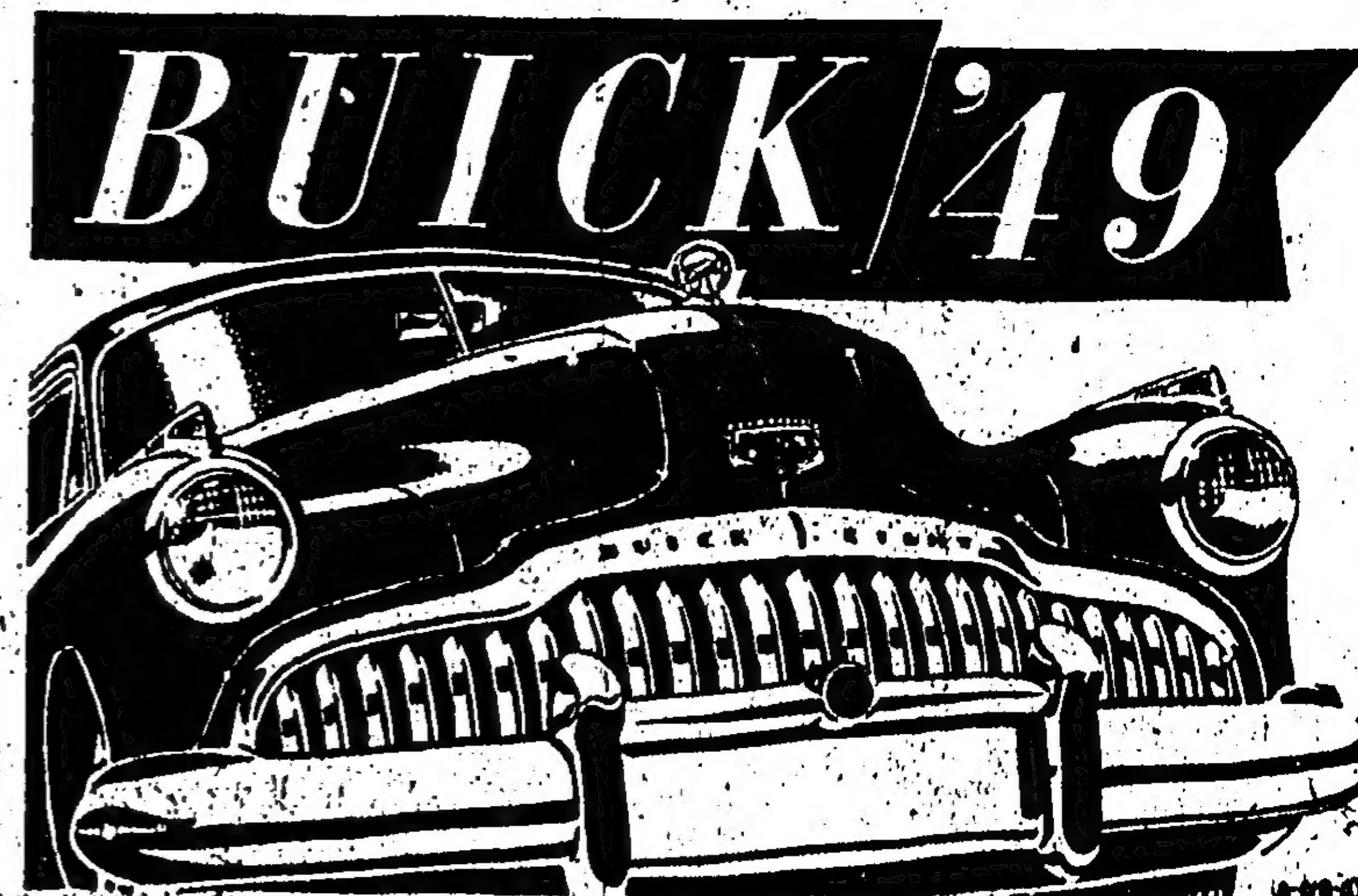
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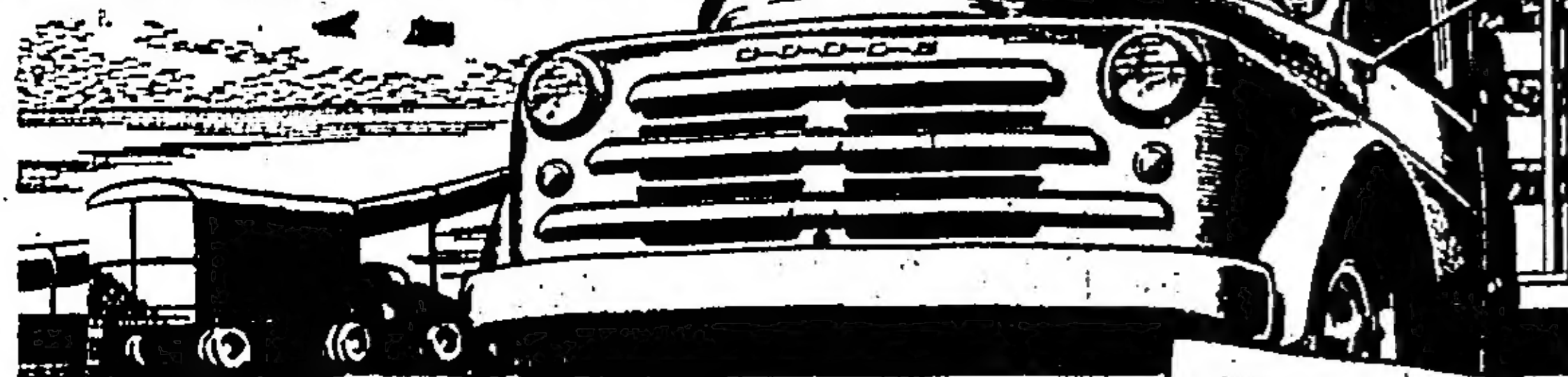


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DOUBT ON WHEAT TREATY

London, March 24. Forty-two nations are expected to sign by the April 15 deadline the new wheat agreement guaranteeing the export and import of over 456 million bushels of wheat annually for the next four years.

The representatives of 20 countries have already signed the agreement, reached in Washington yesterday.

British grain traders doubt whether the International Wheat Agreement will be ratified or fully kept. They think the 456 million bushels mentioned will exceed the real requirements of the importing countries.

This quantity excludes all the requirements of Germany, Austria, Japan and the Philippines, which are United States responsibilities and preserves.

It also excludes all quantities of wheat which importers may buy from Argentina, a normally big exporter, and from Russia, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Hungary, North Africa, Chile and any other country which comes out as an exporter, beyond the five countries named in the agreement.

On the aggregate, the importing countries will thus have to take for more wheat than they took before the war—at a time when they are striving to increase their own crops and restrict imports to a minimum.



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Washington, March 25. Senator Pat McCarran, Nevada Democrat, said today: "The State Department has decided to let China go without any effort to prop up the failing Nationalist Government."

Senator McCarran said in an interview that that is the general policy the State Department set forth in a report to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

The report was made recently in connection with a bill by Senator McCarran to give a \$1,500,000,000 credit to China.

Senator Tom Connally, Texas Democrat, sent the bill to the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, with a request for State Department comment. The Department's reply has been received by Mr. Connally but he has not made it public. The full Committee has not seen it.

The significance of the report is that it is said to outline this Government's policy toward China for the first time since the victory of the Red Army.

One Foreign Relations Committee member said the State Department at this time is non-plussed about the China situation—and does not favour any positive steps to back the Nationalist forces.

Nothing To Say

President Truman told a press conference today that he sees no reason for making any statement on China policy and therefore there will be no China policy statement in the near future.

The President spoke in answer to a question as to the possibility of a China policy statement in the near future. His reply is in line with the State Department policy of making no statements for publication on the United States' China policy.

Meanwhile, Republican Representative Robert Hale, in a House speech today, condemned the United States' policy of silence on China. Copies of the speech from the Congressional record were circulated by mail in Washington.

Mr. Hale said: "It must be plain to the House that something is radically wrong when the Secretary of State feels obliged to confine to a closed session his discussion of our policy in China."

"Certainty Of Disaster"

"If our policy to China were clear and intelligent, the questions propounded to the President in our letter might have been clearly and publicly answered. It is not so much that the State Department has failed," commented Mr. Hale, "it succeeded in making easy the advance of the Communists."

NO MORE PACTS-- FOR THE PRESENT

Washington, March 24.

The United States does not intend to participate in the foreseeable future in further regional pacts, either for the Mediterranean or Far Eastern areas, to supplement the North Atlantic Treaty of mutual defence.

North Atlantic diplomats here today also declared categorically that no further regional pacts to back up the treaty are contemplated, under discussion or planned.

The consensus in North Atlantic diplomatic circles here appears to be that the terms and implications of the North Atlantic treaty make such regional pacts unnecessary.

These diplomats have in mind particularly Article 4 of the treaty, which extends the field of consultation between the North Atlantic powers potentially to the world.

This article is understood to cover threats to the security of any of the North Atlantic Pact powers through developments in any part of the world.

Thus, if developments in South East Asia, in Burma,

"I would rather chance two or three more billion, if that should prove necessary, in a genuine effort to save China from Communist control even now, than face the absolute certainty of disaster five or 10 years hence, when the Kremlin has atomic weapons and is ready to move."

"Even if the State Department is willing to see China disintegrate and waits till the dust settles, I hope Congress will not acquiesce in any such programme. Quite as much as the executive department, we are responsible for the honour and safety of the Republic."—Associated Press and United Press.

Sequel To London Riot

London, March 24.

Seven men and a girl, aged 18, were fined sums ranging from £5 to £25 at North London today on charges arising out of last Sunday's march by followers of Sir Oswald Mosley, former British Fascist leader.

The girl, Miss Stansbury, described as a student, was fined £20 for assaulting a policeman. She told the court that she kicked a police officer because "I was in a fury to see the English law protecting people who had killed my parents and ruined my life."

The girl's lawyer said her parents had been in an internment camp and she assumed they had been murdered by the Nazis.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN ON NW FRONTIER

Peshawar, March 24.

Mr. Anthony Eden, former Foreign Secretary, today visited the historic Khyber Pass on Pakistan's North West Frontier. Mr. Eden, who arrived here today, will leave for the West Punjab capital of Lahore tomorrow and will arrive in Karachi on Saturday next. He will fly to London from Karachi next Monday.—Reuter.

Blam or French Indochina lead Britain, France or the United States to the opinion that its security is threatened in that area, they could call a conference of the Atlantic Pact powers.

Such consultation does not involve an obligation to action automatically, but the possibility of the North Atlantic powers deciding to act is not precluded nor is the possibility of military action under Article 4 through the co-ordinated defence system of the North Atlantic powers excluded.

This, it is believed here, is as far as the United States is able to go for the present in insuring the security of the world outside the North Atlantic area, apart from its general programme of military assistance to countries threatened by totalitarian aggression.—Reuter.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

America's politicians, unshaken by Shakespeare, and ignoring the ideas of March.

Their pens are poised over the Atlantic Pact. Their bank-books are open for more Marshall Plan appropriations.

This is an historic week. The text of the Pact will be made public on Friday, and a 160-year tradition against alliances and entanglements with Europe will be broken.

As the supreme moment approaches there is not much misgiving, certainly not among the public. Although the unemployment figures mount and the slump grows there is no popular demand that the dollars be kept at home to pay for relief or pump-priming.

Peace Pay-Off

All that the average American asks is that his investment pays off by providing peace.

He doesn't expect to make money, or even to get his dollars back. He expects the peace to be the fulfilment of his hope that there will be no backsliding or recklessness among the other signatories to the Pact and that the hard-earned, free-enterprise-created money will not be spent on further militarisation measures.

For instance, an American has to pay for his spectacles, his medical and dental care, his wife if he's bald, his hearing aid if he's deaf—the State doesn't supply these facilities free, and he is puzzled that any debtor State should be doing so.

Pact A Miracle

This is hardly the time for any European country on the receiving end to be using capitalistic money for Socialist purposes.

Even if there were a great surplus of money and arms here, and the United States had not been born and bred in isolationism, the Pact would be remarkable. As it is, the Pact is a miracle.

I have been talking to Americans about this miracle. The garage man who services my car, and whose tips have been halved in the past six months, says: "If Russia knows we will fight, we won't have to fight."

The elevator man in the apartment building where I live, one-third of whose £9 salary goes in rent, says: "What's the difference? Pact or no Pact we are up to our necks, anyway, ain't we?"

The out-of-work American newspaperman trying to place a freelance article, says: "This is America's great coming-of-age—sure it will be expensive, but most 21st birthday parties are."

Leap In Dark

Nowhere in this great city, except perhaps in Greenwich Village, where the Communists and Henry Wallace supporters huddle, is there any articulate opposition to the Pact. People are being magnificently munificent about it.

Not many Americans know, or pretend to know, much about the big leap into the European dark. They feel in their bones that it was inevitable that destiny would catch up with the rich oasis, and they're rather proud that they, freckle-faced and poor people, and struggling, worried people, should be present at the rendezvous with history.

I have never during all the years here felt a greater admiration for America and the Americans. The clock strikes for them and they are ready.

President Truman, holidaying in Florida, is saying little about inflation, and his real problem is deflation, a repetition of the crash which wiped out his £5,000 savings when he was a haberdasher in the 20's.

Most of the President's domestic programme is bogged down, and his Cabinet Ministers are

shouting against business men who are "planning a depression." Wall Street scorns the charges.

Meanwhile prices continue to shrink, wage cuts are certain in most industries, and personal incomes are expected to be down 7 per cent this year.

Despite the accumulating troubles New York, and most of the Eastern seaboard which I have visited, looks tranquil and prosperous. Almost every other car on the roads is a new model, petrol is limitless and cheap (1s. a gallon), food is abundant and priced more reasonably, drink is plentiful and of excellent quality.

The sun smiles on the American. Clothes for both men and women can be bought at bargain prices, and there are sales in most shops of everything by which human beings live.

The new spring styles are free of fuss and feathers. Fashions are crisp, streamlined suits, nipped waistlines, tiny cloche hats.

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Communist Blast At Atlantic Pact

Moscow, March 24.

Leading newspapers of the Soviet press today trumpeted the Communist Party declarations against the Atlantic Pact from Europe and the Far East.

The Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," and the Government organ, "Izvestia," devoted full pages to protests against the pact and the forthcoming "peace conferences" in Paris and New York.

EX-TYPIST CAUSES STRIKE

Salford, March 24.

All 180 employees at an engineering works here staged a lightning strike today after a 40-year-old former typist at the works arrived to take over the governing directorship, to which he was appointed under the will of the firm's head.

The new director, Miss Mary Dugdale, also left the bulk of the £133,000 fortune amassed by John Anderson, head of the St. George's Engineering Company.

Within a few minutes of her arrival, half a dozen heads of departments called at her office and suggested that she stay away until the legal position has been clarified.

Soon afterwards, all the employees stopped work, and Miss Dugdale was told she was to blame for the strike. She later left the works, and the employees threatened to take similar action again if she reappeared.—Reuter.

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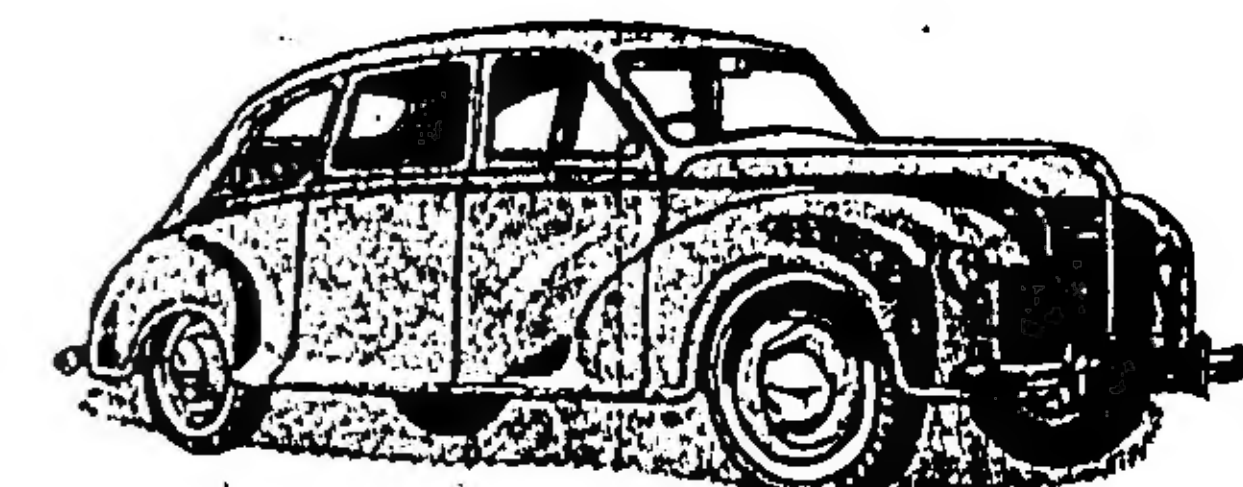
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RETALIATION AGAINST CZECHS BY BRITAIN?

London, March 24.

The Opposition in the House of Commons today urged the Government to take retaliatory action against a Czech official in Britain for the treatment meted out to a British official in Prague.

Yesterday, the British Embassy was warned that Captain Phillip Wildash, British Military Permit Officer in Prague, would be liable to arrest unless he left Czechoslovakia within 24 hours.

The Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, replied that the Government is considering what action would be appropriate. "We shall not be content to leave matters where they are now," he said.

So far as could be ascertained in the short time available there was no truth in the assertion that Captain Wildash plotted against the Czechoslovak Republic, or infringed its laws in any way, he said.

Czechoslovak officials in Prague accused Captain Wildash of accepting information, of plotting against the State, and of being in contact with plotters, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

Captain Wildash arrived in Frankfurt early today.

Mr. Pierson Dixon, British Ambassador in Prague, reporting the accusations to the Foreign Office, said that he is satisfied no truth exists in the charges made against the Captain.

The Czechoslovak Government has refused to proffer formal charges against him.

Office Closed

After Captain Wildash had been detained and questioned, a British Embassy official in Prague was summoned to the Czech Foreign Ministry and informed of the accusations liable to be made.

The official was told that if Captain Wildash left the country no further action would be taken against him.

No official reports has yet been received from Prague about the arrest of three Czechoslovak employees of the British Military Permit Office.

An authoritative source here confirmed that the Military Permit Office, administered jointly by Britain, France and the United States, to issue permits to the Western Zones of Germany, has now been closed.

The same source considers it unlikely that the office would be re-opened for the present, and no Czechoslovak subjects would, therefore, be able to obtain a permit to visit Western Germany.—Reuter.

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"In India, the threat of starvation forces women to sell their children to work at the factories. In the African colonies, people are bought and sold on the same footing as cattle, with the only difference that people are cheaper than cattle.

"In Malaya, British planters declare workers who do not wish to bear the yoke of slave labour to be Communist conspirators

Slav Frontier Violations Alleged

London, March 24.

Tirana Radio tonight broadcast allegations of violation of Albanian territory by Yugoslav detachments and aircraft during March. In one such incursion, the raiders were met by Albanian small arms fire and retired leaving two dead on the Albanian side of the frontier, the Radio said. Propaganda material directed against Albania was found.—Reuter.

WON'T BOW TO THE RUSSIANS

Washington, March 24.

Mayor Ernst Reuter of Western Berlin said today that his people will never bow to Russian generals.

Herr Reuter said Western Berliners take the position that while their city may be cold, it is even colder in Siberia.—Reuter

Half World Lives "Like Slaves"

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SENATE SUSPICIONS ON AID TO BRITAIN

Washington, March 24.

United States Senators, debating Marshall aid tonight, vigorously demanded assurances that Britain is not sending war potentials to the Soviet Union or East European countries.

The outburst came when they heard reports of a statement by Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, that Britain will not, in future, allow her trade agreements with Russia and Eastern Europe to be subject to the settlement of political questions.

One Senator suggested that the Economic Co-operation Administration should investigate Britain's trade agreements with the Soviet Union and Poland.

Senator Tom Connally, Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, who had opened the debate by declaring it would be a tragic mistake to cut aid to Britain, replied to the Senators' demands by insisting that there is no evidence that Britain has committed or is contemplating any breach of faith.

Senator William Knowland (Republican, California), read a report of Mr. Wilson's statement in the opening stages of the debate on the 15-months' extension of the European Recovery Programme in 1940-50.

Senator Knowland, quoting Mr. Wilson, said that before voting further Marshall Plan funds for Britain, Congress is entitled to an assurance that Britain is not going to change her trade policy and ship war-making potentials to Russia.

Good Faith

A call for an investigation of Britain's trade agreements with Russia and Poland came from Senator Arthur Watkins (Republican, Utah).

Senator James P. Kem (Republican, Missouri) questioned whether Britain can conform to the conditions of membership in the Atlantic Pact if she ship war material or potential war materials to Eastern Europe.

The Republican sponsor of the original Marshall aid programme, Senator Arthur Vandenberg, said the Marshall Plan countries of Europe are conforming to many policies of the United States in trading with Eastern Europe.

"Good faith is being shown by Britain in conforming to a common standard in this matter, which reflects our own standards," he said.

High Hopes

The Senate debate on the 15-month \$5,500 million extension of the European Recovery Programme sees the Government's hopes high that the bill can be put through intact in two days.

Senator Scott Lucas (Democrat, Illinois), leader of President Truman's supporters, told reporters that he is hoping for a final vote by tomorrow night.

He stressed the urgency of the situation, since the bill must have both House of Representatives and Senate approval by April 3 if the Economic Co-operation Administration is not to run out of dollar funds.

Senator Robert Taft (Republican, Ohio), most influential of the anti-ERP leaders, said he will vote for a cut—but will initiate no move in this direction.—Reuter.

An order to disperse was ignored by the peasants who did not move even after a baton charge by police.—Associated Press.

MINERS GO BACK TO WORK

Pittsburgh, March 23.

John L. Lewis yesterday told his United Mine Workers' Unionists to go back to work on Monday.

Mr. Lewis called the work stoppage a fortnight ago as a protest over the appointment of Dr. James Boyd as Director of the Bureau of Mines. Dr. Boyd formally took over his position yesterday.

Mr. Lewis, who objected to Dr. Boyd as unqualified since he had never been a miner, was credited with blocking the appointment until this week.

The back to work signal is good news to industry. It was also welcomed by the 400,000 idle hard and soft coal miners East of the Mississippi.

Some sources had feared the work stoppage might extend into a third week. An austerity Easter is assured for most miners' families as it is.—Associated Press.

Shipping Rates War

Bombay, March 24.

The Eastern shipping freight rate war took a new turn today when the Karma Continental Committee decided to cover any fluctuations in rates arising out of the war.

The cutting of prices began after March 11, when the Dutch Holland-Bombay-Karachi Line withdrew from the Karmahon Continental Shipping Conference. Under the decision, exporters will be entitled to book cargo to be shipped in April or May at the present reduced rate, irrespective of any increase in the interval.

If there is a further fall in the freight rates, the shippers will be given a proportionate reduction.—Reuter.

Grain Seizures Lead To Shots

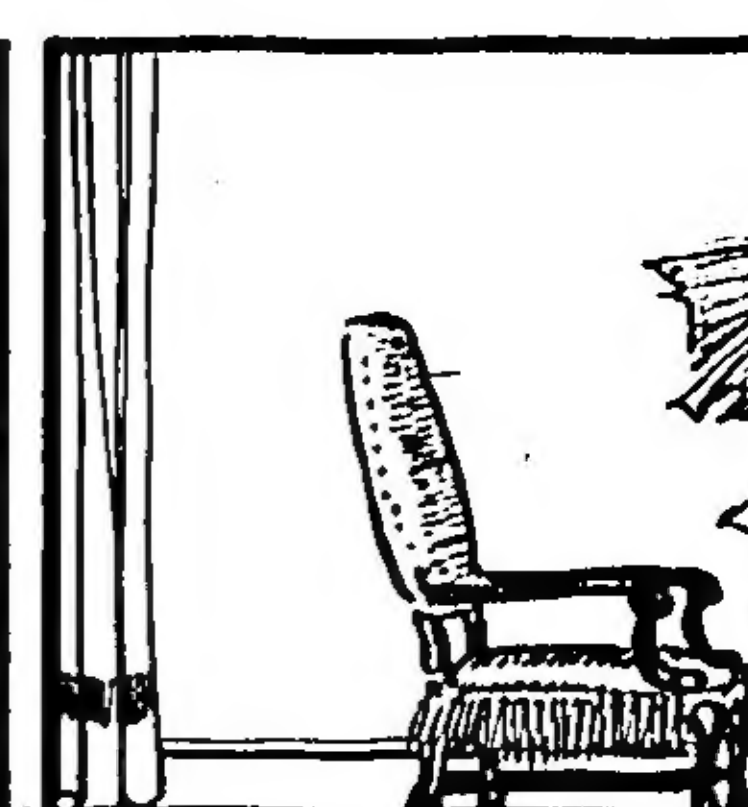
Bombay, March 24.

Eight were killed and 25 wounded when police fired on an unruly peasant mob in Brangan village near Ahmednagar.

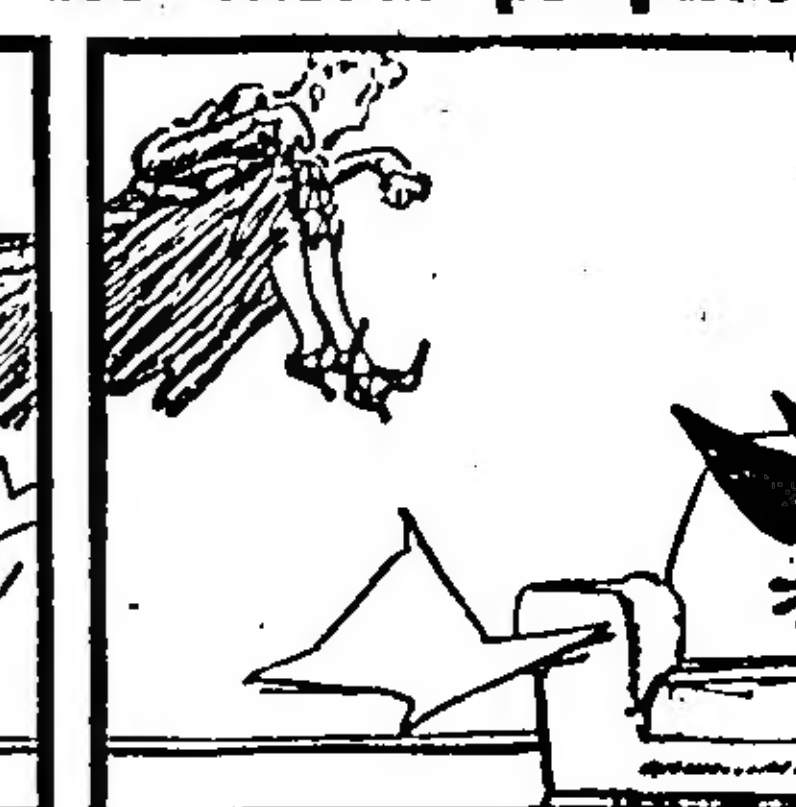
The peasants were resisting the removal of food grains purchased by the Government for rationing. They stoned the police.

An order to disperse was ignored by the peasants who did not move even after a baton charge by police.—Associated Press.

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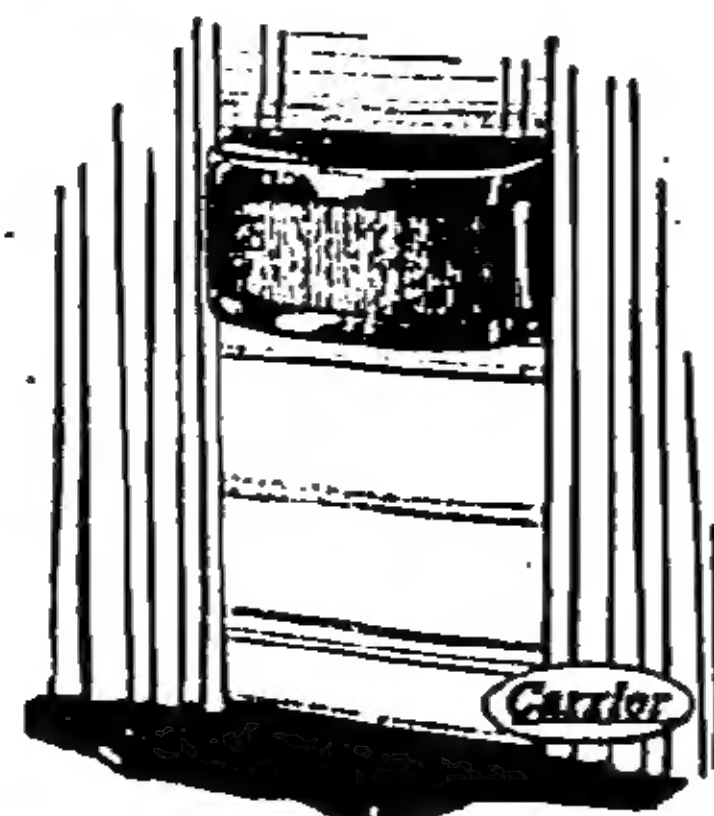


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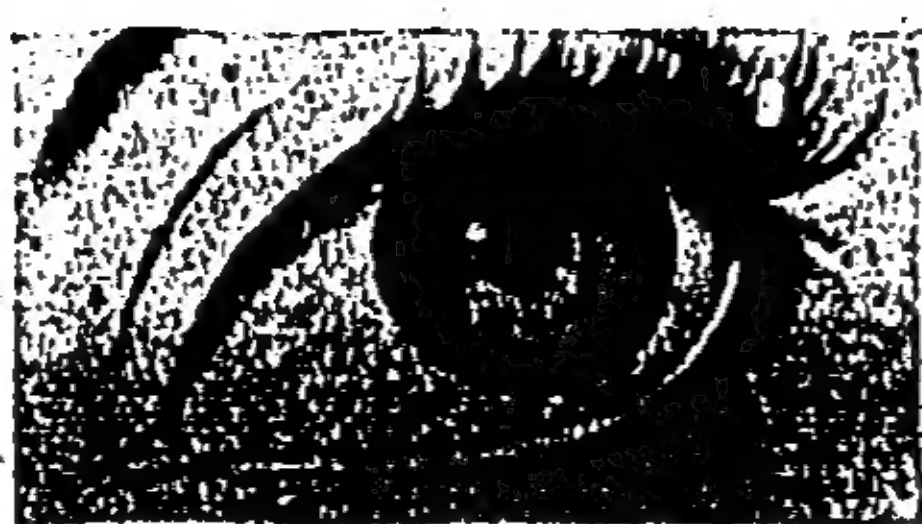
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Japan Signs Trade Pact With Korea

Tokyo, March 24.
SCAP announced the conclusion of an U.S.\$80,000,000 trade pact between Japan and Korea which goes into effect on April 1.

The announcement did not list any details of the agreement, which will be submitted immediately to the Korean government and General Douglas MacArthur for their approval.

SCAP officials said the pact provided for trading on a basis of United States dollars through use of letters of credit or other customary banking procedures.

Both Japan and Korea are being supported by the United States. Korea is obtaining ECA funds and the United States is spending millions here in an attempt to stabilize Japanese economy.

The announcement said after this "and another financial arrangement become effective, all existing accounts between the Republic of Korea and occupied Japan will be settled with transactions being put on a cash basis."

There was no explanation of what was meant by "another financial arrangement." Associated Press.

Delegate's Wife Appeals To UN

New York, March 24.

The wife of the chief Chinese delegate to the United Nations today asked the Human Rights Commission to help untangle her marital affairs.

Mrs. Nyok Zoc Dong Tsang wants the Committee to look into her very human troubles with Ting-fu Tsang, her husband and father of her four

children. Mrs. Tsang said her husband obtained a mail order Mexican divorce and, when she attempted to contest it, he claimed diplomatic immunity. The Supreme Court rejected her suit for separation on immunity. The Supreme Court rejected her suit for separation on immunity grounds, she said.

"While my husband, as a member of the United Nations, is supposed to be working for the welfare of humanity, he can in actuality flout all laws of decency and abandon his wife and children," said Mrs. Tsang in her plea.

She said her husband's picture with Mrs. Hilda Ung Ching Shen appeared in a newspaper with the caption: "Dr. and Mrs. Ting-fu Tsang." She commented: "Surely this cannot be the sum total of the effectiveness of the United Nations, that it shall provide refuge for men who would evade their legal and moral responsibilities. And if it said that mine is a matter of no concern to the organization that faces the task of saving the world, then I wonder if it might not prevent the success of this organization."

She admitted that she is uncertain as to how the Committee can help her, but she wants her husband's Mexican divorce invalidated.

"If the UN doesn't help while it is busy raising the lofty towers of humanity and justice to light up the world, its very foundations will crumble as the foundation of all human society, the family, is allowed to weaken and collapse."—United Press.

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CHINESE FORCES ON ITU ABA

Manila, March 25.

A Chinese Embassy spokesman said today it is possible that Chinese Government troops may be stationed on Itu ABA, little known island between the Philippines and Indochina. Hong Kong reports that Chinese Communists occupy the island seem doubtful, he said.

The spokesman stated that the Chinese Government sent a small force to the general area—South of China's Hainan Island—in 1949. However, he thought the force had been withdrawn later after surveying possibilities of economic development.

He said Chinese troops visited the former Japanese-held island groups known in the Chinese language as Tung Shu, Shih Shu and Pan Shu.

Captain Harlan Lacy, who visited Itu ABA in January with a U.S. Army Graves Registration team, reported the presence of Chinese Nationalist troops there. Captain Lacy did not know their purpose on Itu ABA, how long they had been there or their place of origin.

Rear-Admiral Francis P. Old, Commander, U.S. Philippine Naval Forces, said no reports concerning Itu ABA have reached him from the Coast Guard detachment on nearby Palawan Island of the Philippines.—Associated Press.

A Ruse?

According to the Philippine source from which the "China Mail" originally obtained the story, the Nationalist flag of China was raised by the Chinese forces on the beach as the American team approached.

The men in the mysterious force were said to have been wearing the uniform of the Chinese Navy.

Upon the basis of such circumstantial evidence, officialdom may have decided to call them "Chinese Nationalists," but the deliberate flying of the flag—apparently for the occasion—and the wearing of uniforms and insignia raise some suspicions.

If they were really Nationalists, how was it that the Philippine Government, the Chinese Embassy and the U.S. Army evidently knew nothing about their presence on the island?

Future Of Mr. Stanley

London, March 24.

The Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, told Parliament today that he could not yet indicate what further action might be taken to enforce the deportation order against Sydney Stanley, key figure in the Linskey Tribunal.

He said the Polish Government had stated that Stanley is not entitled to Polish citizenship and is not prepared to give him a passport.

Mr. Will Nally, Labour, asked the Minister to bear in mind the torrent of abuse poured upon this country for not allowing Jews to enter Israel and the advisability on hygienic grounds of getting Stanley there as soon as possible.

Mr. Chuter Ede did not reply.

—Reuter.

TAFT-HARTLEY ACT REPEAL

Washington, March 25.

President Truman's bill to repeal the controversial Taft-Hartley Act won 13-10 approval by the House Labour Committee yesterday and will have an early debate in the House.

Under the bill most of the Taft-Hartley curbs on Unions would be wiped out—for example, the ban on closed shop contracts, the 80-day injunctions in emergency strikes, and the non-Communist oaths signed by labour leaders.—Associated Press.

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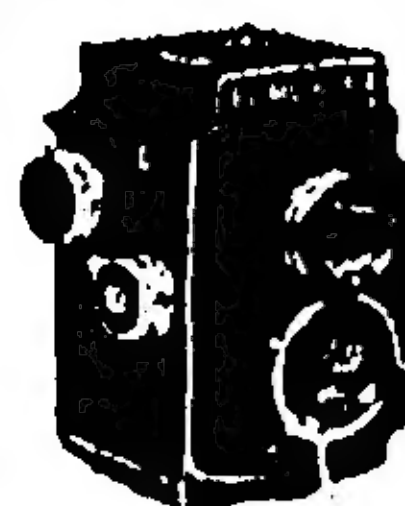
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TEN EVENTS SET FOR TODAY'S HKJC RACES

(By "RAPIER")

Racing will form the main attraction in sporting circles this afternoon, when the Fourth Race Meeting under the auspices of The Hong Kong Jockey Club will be held.

There are again 10 events on the programme, the first saddling bell for which will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

It is just possible that, due to the rain which fell yesterday, the track will be on the soft side, in which event it will be necessary to bear in mind the points that have done well in meetings under similar circumstances.

Race No. 1—Newbury Stakes (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Australian ponies of this season, that have not won or started in a race, are given an opportunity of doing so in this opening event, and, eliminating the unlikely chances, I think the race should be decided between the following: Roden (Mr. Kwok), Good News (Mr. Chang), Speed Wheel (Mr. Gregory), Vanguard (Mr. Pote-Hunt) and Barbarian (Mr. Wong Yan).

Barbarian is coming in fourth in the Ascot Stakes (First Section) over the mile at the Second Race Meeting, and judging from that run, I should say that it has a good chance of securing its first win.

The fact that Good News, with Mr. Alexander, was also fourth in the second section of the above race, makes it a potential menace, and as Speed Wheel has been making gradual improvement, it must also be regarded as a dangerous contender.

Vanguard is coming on nicely, and, with Mr. Pote-Hunt up, it should certainly be well backed, and I think this combination should not be disregarded.

Barbarian is not bad, and if Mr. Wong Yan can get it off quickly, it will give the above-mentioned ponies a good run.

Race No. 2—Curragh Handicap (First Section): From The Two Mile to One Mile and a Half.

This race will be contested by Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 7. Jockey Allowance.

With so many ponies entered, some of which can be discarded, I think the winner will come from the following: Albion (Mr. Chanison), Chelsea (Mr. Shieh), Sans Atout (Mr. Gregory), Strathmore (Mr. Castro), and Busted Straight (Mr. Ostroumoff).

Albion came in second to Autumn Leaf in the Hong Kong Handicap (First Section) over the mile on the fifth day of the Car-

nival with Mr. Gregory up, carrying 150 lbs and, as it ran quite well, especially with Autumn Leaf not participating, I believe it should win.

The main challenge will come from Chelsea which has been doing good work in morning training. Sans Atout is a greatly improved animal and its chances should not be overlooked.

On the other hand Strathmore has been gradually falling from grace, and unless it can recapture some of its old form, I am afraid it will out of the running. Busted Straight should also be kept in mind as it is carrying only 135 lbs.

Race No. 3—Gatwick Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

In this race for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 8, there is not much to choose from among the entries.

Judging from its second placing in the Phoenix Handicap (First Section) over six furlongs on the fourth day of the Carnival, Albion (Mr. Pote-Hunt) has a good chance of winning, but will be seriously challenged by Selby (Mr. Ostroumoff) which is very fit at the moment.

Trial Trip (Mr. Mu) gave punters a jolt in its last outing by running unplaced, and for that reason I am only going to nominate it as a place.

Y-E Day (Mr. Kwok) is not bad, and I think it should give a good account of itself against the above-mentioned ponies.

Although Panda (Mr. Day) is improving in its morning gallops, I cannot see it causing any worry to the others, as far as the first position is concerned.

Race No. 4—Haydock Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.

Australian Subscription ponies of 1949 classified Class 5 will contest this event, and from the entries the following should be worth watching: Jennifer (Mr. Maitland), Rowan Glen (Mr. Ostroumoff), First Alarm (Mr. Shieh), Hongkong Stutze (Mr. Gregory), and Double Coin (Mr. Young).

Jennifer won the Smugglers' Pass Stakes (First Section) over the two mile post at the last meeting, and appears the logical choice. Can it still, however, win at this distance?

Albion came in second to Autumn Leaf in the Hong Kong Handicap (First Section) over the mile on the fifth day of the Car-

'Rapier's' Selections For Today

Race No. 1
SPEED WHEEL
ROSLYN
GOOD NEWS
Outsider: Vanguard.

Race No. 2
AIRFIELD
CHELSEA
SANS ATOUT
Outsider: Buster Straight.

Race No. 3
ATLANTIC
SIDER
TRIAL TRIP
Outsider: V-E Day.

Race No. 4
ROWANGLAN
FIRST ALARM
JENNIFER
Outsider: Hongkong Stutze.

Race No. 5
LOVELY LADY
DASHFIELD
CHESTERFIELD
Outsider: Panda.

Race No. 6
AMBER
EPINARD
GREEN VELVET
Outsider: Filibuster.

Race No. 7
BRONTE
KELLY
SINO MARSHALL
Outsider: Dawn.

Race No. 8
AIRS AND GRACES
RINGMER
Outsider: Maniac.

Race No. 9
IRON MASH
COOGEE
BIG BLUFF
Outsider: Reuter.

Race No. 10
THE STRANGER
JEEP BEAUTY
TOPSAIL
Outsider: Plinkie.

Race No. 11
SANDOWN PARK
Mandip: One Mile.

This should turn out to be the most interesting race seen for some time, but I leave it to the authorities that Vagabond King and Black Market, the first and second ponies in the Champion Stakes at the Annual Meeting although entered will not run. With two such outstanding ponies absent, the race will be robbed of a good deal of interest.

A spirited struggle should ensue, however, among the other ponies. Due to illness, Bashful Beauty (Mr. Maitland) has no been seen in action for quite a time, and it must be on again otherwise its owner would not be sending it out to take part in this race. Furthermore, it put up a fine gallop yesterday morning, and on that account I feel that it will do well to-morrow.

Lovely Lady (Mr. Tao), the winner of the Melbourne Cup over two miles at the Second Race Meeting will undoubtedly command the most support, and should account for this race.

Daisy Bell (Mr. Pote-Hunt) was a great disappointment at the Annual Meeting, but I don't think it is good enough to win this afternoon—the best is a place.

How Chesterfield (Mr. Gregory) and Panda (Mr. K.F. Chiu), both from Class 2, will fare against the other ponies is hard to tell as they are both very fit at the moment and an upset from any one of them is quite likely.

Race No. 12—Newbury Stakes (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

The second lot of non-starters and unplaced ponies of this season will figure in this event.

Amber (Mr. Ostroumoff) in view of its fine gallop on Saturday morning, March 10, when it completed the mile in the good time of 2:03.2 last quarter 29.3 seconds certainly has a good chance of scoring a win here.

Epinard has done well over this distance during morning gallops and must therefore be seriously considered as Mr. Maitland will probably be taking it out. Filibuster (Mr. Shieh), Green Velvet (Mr. Y.K. Tu) and Styrchiner (Mr. C.F. Ng) may have something to say with regard to the third position, but I don't think they can win.

Race No. 13—Curragh Handicap (Second Section): From The Two Mile Post One Mile and a Half.

This is the second section of the race for Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class

South China 'A' Meet Club At Caroline Hill

By "Rover"

A programme of six First Division soccer matches has been arranged for the week-end, and of these, the match between South China "A" and Club at Caroline Hill this afternoon should prove to be the most interesting.

The Chinese "derby" between Kowloon Motor Bus and Chinese AA at Boundary Street, also this afternoon, is expected to be a close affair and will undoubtedly draw a capacity crowd.

The best of tomorrow's games should be the match between Eastern and Royal Navy at Caroline Hill.

7, and amongst the entries I like Bronte (Mr. K.F. Chiu) the best.

This pony is very fit at the moment and should have no difficulty in winning. Only serious opposition is likely to come from Kelly (Mr. Maitland) which had the better of Bronte in the Hong Kong Handicap (Third Section) over the mile at the Annual Meeting by half a length, for the second position.

Sino Marshall will be taken out by Mr. Pote-Hunt and although this pony is improving, I doubt whether it can do better than place.

Dawn (Mr. Ostroumoff) has been making rapid improvement and looks very tempting on account of its low weight of only 135 lbs.

I nominate Bronte to win, with Kelly second and Sino Marshall third. Dawn is the outsider in this race.

Race No. 8—Alexander Park Handicap: One Mile.

This race is for Australian Subscription ponies of 1949 classified Class 4. From the entries the winner should come from the following: Probability (Mr. K.F. Chiu), Airs and Graces (Mr. Maitland), Easygoing (Mr. Gregory), Ringmer (Mr. Ostroumoff) and Maniac (Mr. Shieh).

Probability won the Doncaster Stakes (Second Section) over the mile at the Second Race Meeting, and will be carrying top-weight of 150 lbs and, while I consider that it has a good chance of winning again, I expect it to receive stiff opposition from Airs and Graces which was second in the Mils Day Stakes (First Section) over six furlongs at the First Race Meeting.

Easygoing, in view of its easy win in the Ascot Stakes (First Section) over the mile at the Second Race Meeting, is also to be reckoned with as the pony is quite at home over the mile.

Ringmer ran unplaced in the Magazine Gap Handicap (Second Section) at the last meeting with Mr. Ostroumoff, but I expect that this combination will do better, probably winning.

Maniac has been training in the dark this last two weeks is not a bad selection to keep in mind, as stable connections are confident that it will be near at the finish.

Race No. 9—Newbury Stakes (Third Section): Six Furlongs.

A perusal of the entries in this race, reserved for the third lot of non-starters and unplaced ponies of this season gives me the impression that one need not look further than Iron Mask (Mr. Wong Yan) to win, in view of its track performance on Wednesday morning, 10/3/49 when it completed the six furlongs in 1:22.1 with a last quarter of 28.8 seconds.

There is, of course, Coogee (Mr. Gregory) to be reckoned with. This pony came fourth in the Leighton Hill Stakes (First Section) over six furlongs at the Annual Meeting, but I expect it to be fairly near at the finish.

Big Bluff (Mr. Maitland) and Reuter (Mr. Mu) have shown improvement in their morning gallops and I am sure will give a good account of themselves in this race and should not be entirely neglected.

In Racing Queen (Mr. S.W. Lee) we have a pony which is quite capable of upsetting calculations.

Race No. 10—Gatwick Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.

The day's programme will be concluded with a race for the second lot of Australian ponies of previous seasons classified Class 3.

Jeep Beauty (Mr. Wong Yan) is carrying top-weight of 155 lbs which may not be too much of a handicap as it came second in the Phoenix Handicap over six furlongs at the Annual Meeting, it certainly stands a good chance of winning.

Topend (Mr. Cook) was fourth in the above race first section should have a say here in view of its fitness at the moment.

The Stranger (Mr. Mu) is not to be neglected.

This pony, as rumour has it, is just capable as the others of winning, and the time has probably arrived for it to score a belated win.

Plinkie (Mr. Maitland) and Diamondfield (Mr. Gregory) are also good enough to win.

Although Club went down to South China "A" in three clear goals last time, it is not expected that South China will have such an easy time at Caroline Hill this afternoon.

This Club have improved with each match and if Kiernan, Main and Mullen can show the same form as that which they displayed during the Governor's Cup match on Sunday last, South China will have to fight every inch of the way in order to secure both points.

The meeting between Kowloon Motor Bus and Chinese AA holds promise of being a "light-to-the-finish" affair notwithstanding the fact that the first game between these two teams resulted in an easy victory for the busmen by three goals to nil.

Expected To Decide

Both teams have high hopes of finishing up as runners-up in the First Division and today's match is expected to decide the issue.

On current form the busmen should win but their forwards will find the Athletic defence a very hard nut to crack.

Army will entertain Police at Sookunpoo and an evenly contested game should be seen.

Police gave a stout defence in their display against RAF at Boundary Street on March 16, losing by eight goals to one. They will again be handicapped by the absence of Lai Wai, who has been suspended until December 31, 1949.

Lai Wai has always proved himself a stout defender and without him in their line-up, Police will have to rely to a great extent on Howlett to hold the opposing attack.

The soldiers gave an exhilarating performance against Royal Navy on Thursday. If they can score the same brand of football this afternoon, they should take both points from the Police.

Tomorrow's game between Eastern and Royal Navy at Caroline Hill should be well worth watching. Eastern beat the sailors by two goals to nil when they last met, but with Rafferty and Higgin back in the Navy attack, Eastern cannot be altogether too sure of two points from this game.

A Keen Tussle

The meeting between RAF and Kit Chee at Sookunpoo tomorrow is likely to result in a keen tussle. In view of the recent improved form of the Airman, it is not likely that Kit Chee will have the same runaway victory as they had in the first round of the League Competition, when they beat the RAF by eight goals to two.

Studd gave an outstanding display for the Airman in their match against Police and scored seven of the eight goals netted by his side. If he strikes the same form tomorrow, it would not be surprising to see the Airman take away with at least one point from their game against Kit Chee.

South China "B" will be visiting Boundary Street as guests of Kwong Wah and should return with both points, although a draw between these two teams is not at all out of the question.

The following is the week-end programme—

Today
FIRST DIVISION
Army v Police: Sookunpoo 4.30 p.m.;
Refer: A.P. Williams; Lineament: S.Y. Kwok and A. Ribeiro.

South China "A" v Club: Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.; Refer: J. Ward; Line: Linsell, P.A. Barretto and P.P. Li.
KMH v GAA: Boundary 4.30 p.m.; Refer: W. Gaffney; Lineament: D.V. Lal and S.M. Liu.

SECOND DIVISION
Army-Kit v Navy: Chatham Road 5 p.m.; Refer: P. Collins.
WD Chinese v St. Joseph's: Sookunpoo 5 p.m.; Refer: B.Y. Kwok.

TRANSVALE v GAA: Caroline Hill 5 p.m.; Refer: F.A. Barretto.
Police v Army-Kit: Boundary 5 p.m.; Refer: A.P. Williams; Line: Linsell, P.A. Barretto and P.P. Li.

Club v Kwong Wah: Club 5 p.m.; Refer: Li Shing-tung.

Tomorrow
FIRST DIVISION
Eastern v Navy: Caroline Hill 4.30 p.m.; Refer: A.P. Williams; Line: Linsell, P.A. Barretto and P.P. Li.

RAF v Kit Chee: Sookunpoo 4.30 p.m.; Refer: Capt. Chinnell; Lineament: B.Y. Kwok and A. Ribeiro.

Kwong Wah v South China "B": Boundary 4.30 p.m.; Refer: J.A. Padu; Lineament: N. Richardson and W. Gaffney.

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9.44 D.A.O. Davies-F.K. Wallace-J.H.
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9.48 J.C. Richardson-H.M. Wood W.G.
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9.52 J.H. Kite-A. Todd-S.T. Chaud.
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9.56 G.G. Allen-H.M. Howell-J.L. Wright.
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10.00 P.D. Hunter-A.E. Linsell-J.J.
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10.04 F.G. Harrison-T.D. Drysdale-H.R.
Cleland-J.D. Chace.
10.08 W.A. Nicholas-J. MacIntyre-W.C.
Tait-G. Stewart.
10.12 R.R. Gordon-J.D. Mackie-E. Bath.
and R.B. Barry.
10.20 R.L.S. Webb-P.P. Watkinson.

HOCKEY FIXTURE

The following have been selected to represent the Khales Sports Club in their hockey fixture against the Dutch Hockey XI on Sunday, March 27, 1949, at King's Park, RRRC Ground (No. 2), at 10 a.m. sharp—

Makhan Singh; A.P. Cuent, Yaqoob Khan, J.S. Dillon, M.H. Hinson, Subedar Bhagat Singh; G.W.P. Cuent, "Nugget" Ebrahim, S. Nino, Mickey Ram, and U.S. Dillon.

Pulling-Bucks Bout On April 2 Cancelled

(Contributed)

The six-round bout between Bob Pulling and Ramsey Bucks to which boxing enthusiasts have been eagerly looking forward, will not now take place at The Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament to be held at The Chiro Fleet Club on April 2.

The cancellation of this meeting between Pulling, the Far East Welterweight Champion and Ramsey Bucks, has been necessitated by reason of the fact that Pulling cannot make the weight stipulated by the promoters.

Pulling will, however, be available for the Services Championships commencing on April 7.

In order not to disappoint patrons, promoters have arranged for FO Scullions, Lightweight Champion of HMS London, to fight Ramsey Bucks.

Both Scullions and Bucks were defeated by the Golden Gloves Champion, Hank Harris. They have been waiting for an opportunity to get together in the ring and the bout which has been arranged should prove to be the best staged in Hong Kong since the war.

Pulling, who has rendered yeoman service to boxing in this Colony since 1946, will be seen in action against an opponent yet to be named.

Repeat Previous Success

Fans will remember the controversy that raged over the decision given to Gunner O'Shea against Alfred Malik. O'Shea is as determined as ever to repeat his previous success and Malik is just as determined to reverse that decision.

Tony Silva, who is steadily climbing the rungs in the Welterweight division, is fighting S. A. Chanter of HMS Hart, who has never been defeated in this Colony.

Chanter is pressing for a fight with Ramsey Bucks and a good showing on this bill will enhance his chances of the bout at a future date.

The Heavyweight clash between PO Williams and George Upjohn will be worth going a long way to see; either man is willing to fight any heavyweight in the Colony.

Yeung Wing-oh, the fighting policeman, is very fit. His fight with Leading Patrolman Reeve should be a terrific tussle.

Liu Hong-kong, son of Mr. J. Quile, well-known local sportsman, will be seen in an all action bout with AB Priest of RMS Belfast. This may well be the fight of the night.

During the interval, there will be a weight lifting exhibition by Valentine Knige.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Fourth Race Meeting,

Saturday, 26th March, 1949

There are ten races, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. The first race will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the last race at 6.20 p.m.

Through Numbers (10 Races—\$2) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the special Cash Sweep on the last race as well as those for the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the 6th Race Meeting on 21st May 1949. Tickets in the Special Cash Sweep on the last race and those for the "Lantau Handicap" may be purchased also at the club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms, at \$10 including tax, are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all chits etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 271818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tio Tio men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted to enter the Members' Enclosure except for passing through their duties, and must remain in their employer's stands.

BY ORDER,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Season's Softball Games Over Soon

("By Grandstand")

With the exception of the revived Inter-Hong League games due to commence next week, the season's fixtures will be completed tomorrow, the main attraction being the Wahoos-Wildcats play-off.

A fortnight ago the Green Owls played heads-up ball to redeem themselves in the eyes of their fans with a convincing 6-1 triumph over the Wildcats to end the loop programme deadlocked for first place with their arch-rivals for the "China Mail" Shield.

These two outfits are capable of dishing up air-tight play, and the results will be anybody's guess.

The past tiffs between the Owls and the Untamed Felinas have always attracted attention, and a record crowd is expected to be out tomorrow rooting for their favourite in the final showdown.

This play-off brings to mind last year's diamond battle which has been continuous fuel for the Hot Stove.

Lefty Dolly Brown, hurling for the Wildcats failed to locate the strike zone with the bases fully populated, and walked Terry Nonaka only to see Edith Xavier at third base romp over the platter with the winning run—and the pennant.

The Wildcats have since strengthened their line-up, and the Owls will be fully extended in their defence of their title.

Indications point to the coming tiff being as bitterly fought as those of the past when these two dazzling outfits have clashed.

Effective Combination

Big Chief Terry Nonaka has taken over the hurling assignment himself, batters may be long to dynamite Patzy Ribeiro. This combination has proved effective throughout the season except for an expensive lapse when the Canu-kettes upset the depositions by trimming the Owls good and proper.

That was a disastrous get-back for the Wahoos, who would have been champions today but for that 22-error affair.

The Owls, however, have regained their form with an almost perfect fielding exhibition, the last outing against the Wildcats, and if they can display the same cool-headed play, their chances are rosy.

Hilda Soares will hold the initial station where she has shone in the past, while Yollie Franco who has been shifted to the key position since Therese Remedios' ankle injury, is fast teaming up with Irene Castilho in the short-stop gap.

Bernie Remedios, the Mighty Mile, surprised fans with her neat handling at the Hot Corner and has earned that position for this important tussle.

The garden patrol will comprise Edith Thompson, Teresa "Chooch" Baptista and Therese Remedios, with Gloria Silva and Elva Lee as utilities.

Hard At Practice

The Wildcats who acquired the services of Buster Hollands after the start of the season, have been hard at practice, and are all set to make their bid for the pennant.

Hopes for a return of the Blue and Gold battling to the Wildcats camp, despite mainly on harrier